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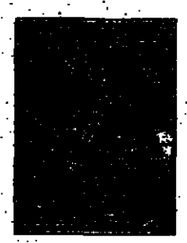

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Papal ban on birth control renewed

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Pope will restate unequivocally the Roman Catholic ban on artificial contraception in a doctrinal encyclical this autumn that could effect a final split between the church's liberal and conservative wings and lead to the defection of millions world-wide.

In the first encyclical on the issue since *Humanae Vitae* caused an international outcry 25 years ago and placed the Catholic church in direct conflict with modern morality, the Pope will make it clear he is not prepared to accede to secular pressure for liberal reforms.

The doctrinal encyclical, expected to be published in October, is in one of the most authoritative forms of Catholic teaching and means that anyone using contraception would be placing themselves outside the community. It will show the church authorities are becoming increasingly out of touch with the Catholic laity.

Pope John Paul II has summarised his views of Catholic morality in the encyclical, *Veritatis Splendor*, which is now complete and is waiting to be published by the Vatican. The encyclical comprises 130 pages divided into three chapters which deal with spirituality, ethics and their application to life. It states general moral principles and tackles the controversial topic of Papal infallibility.

Copies of the encyclical have been seen by some theologians in Europe who are already predicting that it will have a disastrous effect on the church at grass-roots level. Liberals within the church have long argued that it should adopt a pragmatic approach to the issue of birth control if vast numbers are not to be driven from the fold.

When *Humanae Vitae* was published it provoked widespread anger by stating that

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TOMORROW IN THE TIMES

One degree under?

● Higher education has never known anything like it. Record numbers of students want to stay on after taking their first degree, and the universities are responding. More post-graduate courses are appearing every year to meet the demand.

● Many of these graduates are looking for an edge in the highly competitive employment market. But until now, there has been no

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central information on the availability of places.

● Tomorrow, *The Times* launches a new service to provide this growing army of prospective post graduates with the only comprehensive picture of their options. A 16-page supplement, Second Degree, will include the first national listing of masters and postgraduate diploma courses with vacancies for this autumn.

● These taught courses, which are the most popular route to a higher degree, mainly last one year, although many can be taken part-time over a longer period. There will be almost 3,000 programmes in 115 universities to choose from.

Second Degree: with *The Times* tomorrow

Tory support at 12-year low as Lib Dems surge

■ The Liberal Democrats are poised to seize Christchurch as a poll reveals Conservative standing has slipped since the leaking of the John Major's interview

BY PETER RIDDELL AND NICHOLAS WOOD

THE Liberal Democrats have climbed to their highest national poll rating for more than six years as they stand poised to capture one of the Conservatives' safest seats in today's Christchurch by-election.

The latest MORI poll for *The Times* puts the Tories at their lowest standing for nearly 12 years. It confirms the advance of the Liberal Democrats, particularly in southern England, where the party has moved into the lead.

John Major's decision to confront the Tory Eurosceptics with a confidence vote in the Commons last Friday has made no difference either to his standing or to that of his party. A day-by-day analysis of the poll, taken between July 22 and 26, also shows that the Tories' share of the vote was lower on Monday and Tuesday than before the leaking of the prime minister's "bastards" interview.

The poll puts the Tories on 27 per cent — their lowest rating since the end of 1981 when the original SDP was enjoying its brief surge and only two points above the Liberal Democrats today. Labour remains in the lead on 44 per cent, though its rating has slipped from a high point of 47 per cent in March.

Less a fifth of voters are satisfied with John Major's performance as prime minister and even Tory supporters are split down the middle about his record.

A Liberal Democrat victory at Christchurch today would be a further big blow to Mr Major after his setbacks of the past year, reducing the government's overall Commons majority to 17 from 21 at the general election. As campaigning ended yesterday, Sir Norman Fowler, the Conservative chairman, was having to deny that defeat would precipitate either his resignation or that of the prime minister. "There is no question of anyone resigning. We are going to win this by-election."

Besides making the ritual prediction of victory, Sir Norman contested claims by Paddy Ashdown that defeat would force a government U-turn over VAT on domestic fuel bills. Asked for a pledge that the tax, to be extended in two annual stages from next April, would be imposed irrespective of the result, Sir Norman said: "That is the policy and that is the policy that will continue."

But Diane Maddock, the Liberal Democrat candidate, said there were already signs that the government was backtracking on the "big issue" of the campaign.

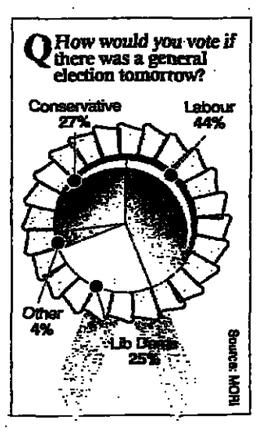
While the Liberal Democrats were confident of winning, their leaders were trying to play down expectations. They believe that weekend polls suggesting that a 23,000 Conservative majority would be turned into one of 16,000 for Mrs Maddock could result in some disenchanted Tory voters staying at home rather than switching sides. Some Labour supporters might also stay loyal to their party instead of voting tactically for the Liberal Democrats.

The mood among Tory activists in the Dorset constituency was meanwhile becoming more downcast. One complained that a whole road in one of the most affluent areas was voting Liberal Democrat, while others were beginning a whispering campaign against their candidate, Rob Hayward. Sir Norman tried to snuff out the muttering, describing Mr Hayward as outstanding and "one of the best by-election candidates I have ever seen", but some party workers were already talking about fielding someone else at the general election.

The latest MORI poll shows that the advance of the Liberal Democrats is in evidence not only in Christchurch, but throughout southern England. Their rating in the South has risen by four points in the past month to 35 per cent, compared with 23 per cent at the general election, and the party has achieved above average gains among women, older people, the professional middle classes and trade unionists. Tory support in the region has fallen from 48 to 31 per cent over the same period.

The poll also confirms the depth of dissatisfaction with both the government and Mr Major. Only one in nine voters is satisfied with the way the government is running the country and four out of five are dissatisfied. Less than a fifth of the 1,689 people questioned were satisfied with Mr Major's performance as prime minister and nearly three-quarters were dissatisfied.

Although Labour remains well in the lead overall, its rating has slipped slightly since the spring and More people are dissatisfied than are satisfied with John Smith's performance as leader.



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Lilley plans curbs on invalidity benefit

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PETER Lilley is preparing to unveil legislation in the autumn to clamp down on invalidity benefit in a move to shave £1.3 billion off the social security budget within five years.

The social security bill is expected to include rigorous medical tests for claimants, a longer qualifying period and less generous payments for new recipients. The benefit is also expected to be taxed from April 1994, a change which would be announced in the November budget and be included in the finance bill.

The social security secretary, battling to curb his £80 billion budget, is determined his bill will go through so that the new rules can be implemented by April 1995, saving £180 million in the first year. The legislation, the first fruits of Michael Portillo's long-term spending review, will be foreshadowed by a consultation document, setting out proposals to restrict the benefit, which goes to 1.5 million people at a cost of £6 billion.

Mr Portillo, the chief treasury secretary, who is said to be pressing Mr Lilley for even higher savings, is also pushing for early action.

Although parliamentary time has been earmarked, the detailed plans, which are likely to cause an uproar, still have to be approved by the cabinet. The most contentious part will be the tougher medical test and stricter criteria for incapacity for work.

The benefit cost is due to rise by 50 per cent to £9 billion by 2000 if no action is taken.

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Any Questions? Only if they are polite

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE BBC governors have insisted that the corporation's journalists be more polite in radio and television interviews.

In an unprecedented intervention into programme detail, they say that staff will be required to "maintain standards of proper courtesy" when conducting interviews on air. The move will be welcomed by viewers and listeners who have expressed concern over the badgering tone of some of the corporation's more aggressive interviewers such as Jeremy Paxman and John Humphrys. However many BBC journalists feel that a tough line of questioning is the only answer to politicians and industrialists who have been coached in "media communications skills" which others simply call "not answering the question".

The governors' remarks are contained in the BBC's new-style *Annual Review*, which combines its accounts with a critical appraisal of programmes and an outline of specific goals for the first time in the corporation's 70-year history. Marmaduke Hussey, the BBC chairman, admits that the corporation was

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Clarke under pressure to cut base rates

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH Clarke, the Chancellor, faced growing pressure yesterday from industry and the financial markets for lower base rates, presenting him with his first important policy judgment since taking the job.

The chairman of British Steel yesterday echoed the call for lower rates from the Confederation of British Industry on Tuesday, arguing that sterling's recent rise must be halted to preserve the advantage enjoyed by British industry since the pound's devaluation last autumn.

The financial markets were awash with speculation that the government may order a base rate cut as early as Friday amid strong predictions that Germany will cut its official rates today. Other City economists remained sceptical. Sterling fell again.

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Onslaught by Israel forces 200,000 to flee

BY ALI JABER AND RICHARD BEESTON

ISRAELI forces created a firestorm across southern Lebanon yesterday as the exodus of terrified civilians swelled to around 200,000.

Air, naval and ground fire laid a barrage which some observers said outstripped the assault when Israel invaded Lebanon in 1982.

The Israeli offensive was condemned last night by Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations secretary-general. He sharply criticised Israel for pursuing a policy of displacing civilians from villages in southern Lebanon.

"Given the evolution of the situation in Lebanon, as well as the historic background of the Middle East conflict, it is deplorable that any government would consciously adopt policies that would lead to the creation of new flows of refugees and displaced persons," Dr Boutros Ghali said.

UN sources in the Middle East estimated that the exodus resulting from the Israeli offensive was nearing 200,000. Israeli army intelligence on Tuesday had put the number fleeing the south at 150,000.

Dr Boutros Ghali issued his statement shortly after the UN security council unanimously approved a six-month renewal of the 5,250-member UN peacekeeping force in southern Lebanon, but without specifically referring to the four-day-old Israeli offensive.

More than 20 people, including seven guerrillas, were killed and 105 people wounded yesterday. Israel said it had attacked 70 villages with artillery and aircraft to create a huge refugee problem and push the Lebanese government to curb Hezbollah guerrillas. Israel declared a two-and-a-half-hour ceasefire to allow residents trapped by the blitz to escape.

Minutes after the ceasefire ended, guerrillas fired about seven Katyusha rockets into northern Israel's Galilee panhandle, injuring one person.

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Whisper campaign threatens Major's Northern Ireland policy

By Edward Gorman
Ireland Correspondent

■ The Anglo-Irish agreement is in doubt as disbelief grows at the prime minister's assurance that no deal was made with the Ulster Unionists

ONLY a week after the Ulster Unionists helped John Major to survive a vote of confidence on Maastricht, his policy on Ireland is in tatters.

In the Commons last Friday, Mr Major told Seamus Mallon, deputy leader of the nationalist SDLP, in clear terms that no deal was done with Jim Molyneux's Ulster Unionist party. "Nothing was asked for, nothing was offered and nothing was given," Mr Major said, to much nodding on his own benches.

The problem, a week later, is that no one believes him. Officially, the Irish government affects an acceptance of Mr Major's assurance, but privately officials are clear they do not believe him.

In Northern Ireland, the SDLP does not accept Mr Major's assertion on or off the record. As one senior figure in the party put it yesterday: "It is simply impossible for us to negotiate with a government which is in bed with another party to the negotiations."

Mr Molyneux has found it difficult to resist the temptation to egg on the sceptics. In yesterday's *Independent* newspaper he was quoted as comparing his new-found good relations with the Tory party to the pact arrived at between UNionists and Jim Callaghan in 1977, which kept the Labour party in office until 1979.

Mr Molyneux, while giving no specifics away, confidently asserted that he expects the Anglo-Irish agreement to wither, comparing it to the defunct Sunningdale agreement of December 1973. He added that he believed that Tory Central Office would no longer support the party's organisation in the province.

The failure of Mr Major's denial to carry conviction has left a situation in Ireland in some ways more damaging than if he had admitted openly from the start even a full-scale electoral pact with the unionists. In Ireland, last week's machinations at Westminster, in the words of one senior politician in the province, have "poisoned" the political atmosphere.

The unionists are widely thought to have convinced Mr Major to grant them a select committee. There is speculation about the ending of Orders in Council and even a possibility that moves may be made to return some powers to local councils. Perhaps worst of all from the nationalists' perspective is the suggestion that the prime minister has given in to Mr Molyneux on the fundamental question of the balance between the nationalist and unionist approaches to a lasting settlement, and may have assured him that the government will not contemplate at any price the SDLP's plan for a six-member commission to run the province.

Real or imaginary, the damage has been done. The price of unionist support for Mr Major's premiership has been, in effect, to leave Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary, in a hopeless position.

Sir Patrick, the most enthusiastic of recent secretaries of state, had come to Ireland determined to be the architect of a new attempt to settle the quarrel, but now his chances of achieving that are virtually nil. While some bilateral contacts with the parties may take place in the autumn, most observers see no prospect of full talks in the near future.

The Irish government was already rapidly moving away from its previous position of constructive co-operation with Britain to a more confrontational position.

Dick Spring, the Irish foreign minister, had his fingers badly burnt by floating the possibility of joint authority, even before the Maastricht votes. Now he and Albert Reynolds, the taoiseach, are warning that the Anglo-Irish agreement could be undermined if even a select committee gets the go-ahead.

A senior Irish government source was quoted yesterday as saying that any such move would be seen by Dublin as a sign of a clear change of direction in British policy away from consensus-driven approaches to the unionist favoured integrationist solution, which would be anathema to nationalists and Dublin alike.

If the deterioration in Anglo-Irish relations continues, Dublin will vigorously oppose anything seen as an attempt to implement the product of a deal with unionists while pursuing its own interests, such as President Clinton's idea for a peace envoy to Ireland.

Major's popularity still at record low

By Peter Riddell

JOHN Major's successful decision to confront Tory Eurosceptics by threatening a general election has failed to lift his personal rating.

The latest MORI poll for *The Times*, undertaken during last week's Commons debates and in the days immediately afterwards, indicates that less than a fifth of the public are satisfied with the way he is doing his job as prime minister, and nearly three quarters are dissatisfied. These figures are exactly the same as those at the end of June, which were record bad ratings for any prime minister.

Even the reduced band of Tory supporters are split down the middle about his performance, with less than half satisfied.

One in nine of the electorate is satisfied with the way the government is running the country and four fifths are dissatisfied. Tory supporters are dissatisfied rather than satisfied by 57 to 34 per cent.

The main beneficiaries of the troubles of the Tories and Mr Major this year have been the Liberal Democrats and Paddy Ashdown. He remains the only one of the three main leaders with a favourable personal rating. Half the electorate are satisfied with the job he is doing, while only just over a quarter are dissatisfied.

By contrast, while Labour remains clearly in the lead, John Smith's personal rating remains negative. Some 36 per cent of the electorate are satisfied with the way he is doing his job as Labour leader and 39 per cent are dissatisfied, down three points on last month. Some 57 per cent of Labour supporters are satisfied with his record, and 23 per cent are dissatisfied.

☐ *MORI interviewed a representative quota sample of 1,689 adults at 147 sampling points across Britain. Interviews were conducted face to face, from July 22 to 26. Data were weighted to match the profile of the population. Voting intention figures exclude those who say they would not vote (8 per cent); are undecided (7 per cent); or refused to name a party (3 per cent).*

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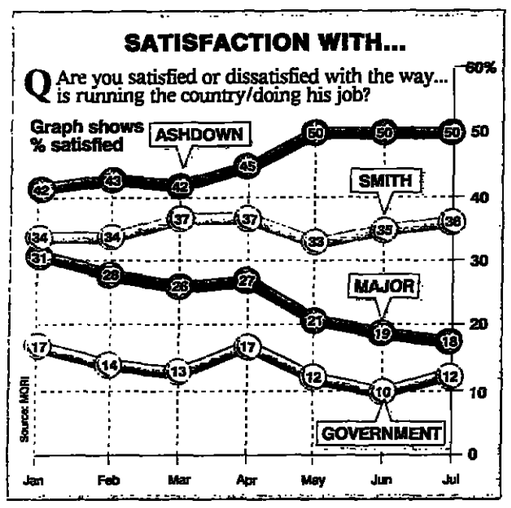

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TIM OCKENDEN

Slice of the action: Diana Maddock, the Liberal Democrats' candidate in Christchurch, gets the message across to sweet-toothed voters with cakes baked in honour of today's by-election MORI poll, page 1; Alice Thomson, page 14

Pope renews ban on birth control

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artificial contraception was morally wrong. Of 55 priests who a wrote a protest letter to *The Times* at the time, at least 25 have since left the priesthood, many to marry.

Professor Norbert Greinacher, a theologian at Tubingen University, who has read the text, said in an interview with the newspaper *La Repubblica*: "It will be horribly negative for the church. At a practical and pastoral level *Humanae Vitae* already amounted to the excommunication of 90 per cent of Catholic couples."

According to the latest *Catholic World Report*, an influential monthly journal, the text of *Veritatis Splendor* has been approved. The journal says it is intended to answer a "real crisis" in the teaching of morality.

The effect could be most severe in developing countries, where nearly half the world's 800 million Catholics live and where the secular authorities are trying to halt a population explosion. In the Third World many Catholic women are questioning whether the church has a right to determine their behaviour inside marriage.

It is understood that the encyclical will pave the way for a further encyclical on "questions of life" which will consider specific questions of sexual morality.

Home repossessions fall by 11 per cent

The number of homes repossessed by mortgage lenders fell to 31,780 in the first half of 1993, 11 per cent less than at the same time last year and lower than at any time since late 1990, the Council of Mortgage Lenders said yesterday. Loans six to 12 months in arrears fell 7 per cent to 191,650 from last December's high point of 205,010 — the first fall since the second half of 1988.

Adrian Coles, the CML's director-general said: "The worst of the arrears and possessions problem now seems to be over." However, the number of people more than 12 months behind with their mortgage repayments is still growing and now totals 158,000, up from 147,040 in the last six months of last year. "Lenders recognise the longer-term difficulties being experienced by some households and are continuing to review these cases," Mr Coles said.

RUC men face charges

Three serving and two former police officers in Northern Ireland are to face charges in connection with the UDR Four case, the RUC announced in Belfast yesterday. No details of the charges were given. The move follows an appeal in Belfast last year, as a result of which three soldiers convicted of the murder of Adrian Carroll, 24, a Catholic, in Armagh City in November 1983, were freed. A fourth soldier, Neil Latimer, had his conviction upheld, to the consternation of his relatives and supporters.

Duchess's job doubts

The future of the Duchess of York as a roving United Nations envoy remained in doubt yesterday as Downing Street and Buckingham Palace sources denied applying pressure on the UN to drop her as a candidate for the job. The only confirmed opposition came from Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, Tory MP for Perth and Kinross, who said he would be appalled by her appointment. The United Nations High Commission for Refugees in Geneva said that as far as it was concerned, she was still going to be an envoy.

Marquess not in court

The Marquess of Blandford, heir to the dukedom of Marlborough, yesterday failed for a second time to appear at Horseferry Road magistrates court, London, where he is facing six charges of making off without paying taxi fares of £178.60 earlier this year. Inigo Bing, the magistrate, accepted it would be "medically unwise" for the marquess, 37, to attend court. He is receiving treatment at a psychiatric clinic in north London. The court was adjourned to August 25 and unconditional bail was extended.

Charges dropped

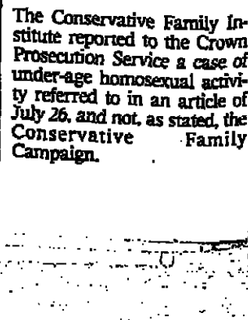
Karyn Smith and Patricia Cahill, the freed drug smugglers, will not face fresh court action over alleged shoplifting, West Midlands Police said yesterday. They were charged with stealing three dictaphones worth £300 in Birmingham in June 1990. When they failed to appear at court, a summons was issued for their arrest. It was later withdrawn.

Police question youth

Police were last night continuing to interview a 16-year-old from Slough, Berkshire, who was arrested on Tuesday evening in connection with the murder on Sunday of Akhlaq Ahmed Razzaq, 9, whose body was found in Salt Hill Park. An inquest was opened for identification yesterday and adjourned pending the outcome of police enquiries.

Father doubles reward

The father of the British tourist Julie Ward, right, who was murdered in a Kenyan game reserve in 1988, has put advertisements in Kenyan newspapers to double to £100,000 his reward for information leading to the capture and conviction of her killers. John Ward, an hotelier from Suffolk, has also criticised the progress of a new team of detectives appointed earlier this year.



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wrong to allow John Birt to continue working on a freelance contract when he became director-general in January. "It was a matter of regret that the contract issue was not cleared up more quickly when Mr Birt took over as director-general," Mr Hussey said.

The report discloses that Mr Birt repaid nearly £15,000 to the corporation in respect of money overpaid during his transition from freelance to staff status.

In his review of programming Mr Birt admits that much of the BBC's light entertainmnet output is formulaic and tired. "The task for BBC1 is to introduce freshness and surprise into this part of the schedule."

Mr Birt commits Radio 1 to providing more "young, black music", while promising that Radio 2, whose budget was cut last year, will concentrate on a narrower band of "the traditional, older Radio 2" listeners.

The *Review* notes that in the year to April 1993, more than 2,000 BBC jobs, representing 9 per cent of the total, were cut, at a cost of £100.6 million in redundancy payments and restructuring costs. Reductions in overheads produced savings of £65 million.

Aspel takes big red book back to BBC

By Alexandra Frean, Media Correspondent

ONE of television's oldest light entertainment shows, *This is Your Life*, is to return from ITV to the BBC, which axed it 29 years ago. The BBC hopes it will boost early evening ratings and increase programme diversity.

The programme, in which the private and public lives of unsuspecting celebrity victims are revealed by friends and families, has never dropped out of the top 20 since it was revived by ITV in 1969.

The acquisition represents a significant development for Thames Television, the show's producer, which lost its broadcasting licence in the last ITV franchise round and is seeking to expand its role as an independent programme-maker.

This is Your Life, which regularly commands audiences of 13 to 15 million, will return to BBC1 in an early evening slot next year and will continue to be hosted by Michael Aspel.

Announcing the move, Alan Yentob, controller of BBC1, said the show was still fresh after nearly 40 years and would benefit from a "BBC emphasis".

The guest list would be widened to take in ordinary people "who have made a contribution to society", Mr Yentob said.

He said that it was preposterous to suggest that BBC1 was going downmarket.

The deal highlights one of the BBC's most pressing dilemmas. Committed in its own policy document, *Extending Choices*, to withdrawing from "derivative formula or entertainment formats" and "simple unchallenging people shows", the corporation desperately needs, however, to boost its flagging ratings if it is to continue to justify its licence fee. Recapturing *This is Your Life* scarcely seems consistent with the BBC's other aim of making "distinctive and innovative" programmes, however, and the decision is bound to raise questions about the corporation's role as a public service broadcaster.

ITV is not believed to have put up much of a fight to retain *This is Your Life*.

The deal is part of a wider £25 million three-year agreement it has signed with the BBC to develop new programmes.

The company has already signed a £40 million deal with ITV this year to make a wide range of programmes including *The Bill*, *Minder* and *Strike it Lucky*.

Richard Dunn, chief executive of Thames, said: "For a major studio like Thames, it is vital that we are in a position to supply all of the key programme buyers in the market."

The BBC also announced the return of a number of tried and tested stars, including the comedians Rowan Atkinson and Dave Allen and the actress Felicity Kendal.

☐ *Thunderbirds*, the 1960s puppet series, is to be dubbed into Gaelic for schoolchildren learning the language. BBC Scotland will launch *Tairnearan Tar As* — Thunderbirds Are Go — in the autumn.

CORRECTION

The Conservative Family Institute reported to the Crown Prosecution Service a case of under-age homosexual activity referred to in an article of July 26, and not, as stated, the Conservative Family Campaign.

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Woman tourist left for dead in quarry by 'evil' attacker

BY IAN MURRAY

A YOUNG British woman was discovered in a French quarry two days after being attacked and left for dead. Kery Clegg's throat had been cut and she had third-degree burns on her back after laying unconscious in the sun at the quarry near Bordeaux.

Miss Clegg, from Blackburn, Lancashire, has been unable to tell police anything about her attacker, except that he was an "evil man".

She is believed to have been hitch-hiking in search of work as a fruitpicker. She was critically ill when found but is recovering at Pellegrin Hospital in Bordeaux, where she has been visited by her mother and stepfather.

Miss Clegg, 18, was found on July 19 by the owner of the quarry, who noticed her blackened body lying in grass. Her ordeal was not disclosed for nine days because police hoped she would be able to tell them what had happened before her attacker realised that she had been found.

They released details of the attack as they started a full-scale hunt yesterday. A spokesman said: "This is a very shocking attack on a defenceless young woman." Doctors said Miss Clegg was still unable to speak coherently.

The attacker slashed her three times across the throat with a knife and her teeth were broken by several blows before she was dumped in tall grass on a track leading to the quarry, not far from Bec d'Ambès, a mile from an exit on the Paris to Bordeaux motorway.

Bordeaux police said there was no sign that she had been raped, although the fact that her clothing had been ripped off suggested sex was a motive. As she was found near the motorway exit, 13 miles north of Bordeaux, detectives believe she was probably assaulted by someone who had given her a lift.

Miss Clegg's handbag, passport, rucksack, sleeping bag and money are missing although her torn T-shirt was found near by. When found, she was able to tell police only her name, and the British consul in Bordeaux was asked to help to identify her. It was two days before a scroll through passport records disclosed her identity and her family was contacted. Last night, her stepfather Peter Crook, who runs the Thwaites Arms public house in Blackburn, said Miss Clegg had saved her earnings as a care assistant to go fruitpicking in France.

Clegg: parents told her not to hitch-hike

He said: "She had read up a lot about it and was well prepared. We were not keen on her going but we had drummed into her that she must not hitch-hike. She is very shy and almost evasive. I don't believe she would dare hitch a lift.

"She set off on July 14 and rang us in the evening from London to say she had booked a bus ticket with Eurolines to Bordeaux that night. She said she would be there the next day but we never heard from her again until the police contacted us."

Mr Crook believed she had more than £100 with her, including a sum that her grandmother had given. She hoped to earn money from fruitpicking so that she could stay at youth hostels or camp sites, but had promised to return home quickly if unable to find work.

"Kery is shocked, bewildered and confused," Mr Crook said. "Everything she says is garbled gobbledegook. She doesn't seem to know yet what happened or why she is there."

French police are trying to find anyone who saw Miss Clegg aboard the bus to Bordeaux, in the hope that they may know where she went after arriving.

They believe that she must have been attacked within a day or two of reaching the Bordeaux area on July 15.

PETER TREVNOR

Seeking justice: Susan Hagan, left, and Sally Croft outside the High Court after being granted a judicial review

Court grants review of extradition move

TWO women facing murder charges in America were yesterday granted leave to seek judicial review of the Home Office decision to extradite them (Stewart Tendler writes).

Sally Croft, of Greenwich, southeast London, and Susan Hagan, of Abbots Langley, Hertfordshire, were given leave to challenge the decision in April of the then home secretary, Kenneth Clarke, to deport them. The two women are accused of being party to a 1985 plot by supporters of the late Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh to murder the Oregon state attorney. He was never assaulted or harmed. Both women left the cult in 1985 and claim they knew nothing of any plot.

Colin Nicholls QC, for Mrs Hagan, told Lord Justice McCowan and Mr Justice Leonard that the women were implicated in the conspiracy by other members of the cult during plea bargaining. Mr Nicholls said their uncorroborated evidence must be subject to the gravest suspicion. The women were not implicated until 1990, and the delay made the decision to send them back "unjustified, oppressive and in breach of the rules of natural justice". Mr Clarke is claimed to have erred in not assessing the quality of the evidence against them, and finding there was nothing exceptional about their personal circumstances.

Lecturer vanishes with exam papers

BY BILL FROST

ASPIRANT accountants and ambitious bookkeepers were chewing their nails last night as a search continued for the man who holds the key to future success or failure.

The Reginald Perrin-style disappearance of a lecturer with 304 completed examination papers has baffled detectives. Careers hinge on the lost scripts, due to have been marked by the examiner three weeks ago. Should the papers be lost forever, the students may be compelled to sit their tests again.

The RSA examinations board in Coventry, West Midlands, called in police to hunt for the unnamed lecturer, described as one of the board's most senior examiners, when the marked papers failed to materialise earlier this month.

However, Jayne Metherell, marketing director for RSA, said yesterday that "following information received" from another examinations board she was hopeful the papers might soon be recovered.

"It appears that on Tuesday the examiner returned some other 150 overdue scripts, all of them correctly marked, to another board. The parcel was accompanied by a letter of apology with a forwarding address."

Ms Metherell said one of the RSA board's representatives was staking out a house in Finchley. "The bell has been rung but there was no reply. Our person will remain on the scene until we get a result."

Evicted pensioner loses claim

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A PENSIONER'S ten-year battle against the Law Society, in which she made 40 court appearances and engaged four solicitors' firms and 11 barristers, ended in defeat in the High Court yesterday.

Mr Justice Otton said the "quest for justice" by Peggy Wood, 77, since being evicted from her home was "heart-rending". But he added: "I hope she will appreciate that however heart-rending her story is, and however I totally understand and sympathise with her, the authorities and principles are heavily weighted against her claim."

Outside the court, Miss Wood said she would have to decide whether to continue her fight or, as the judge put it, to "call it a day".

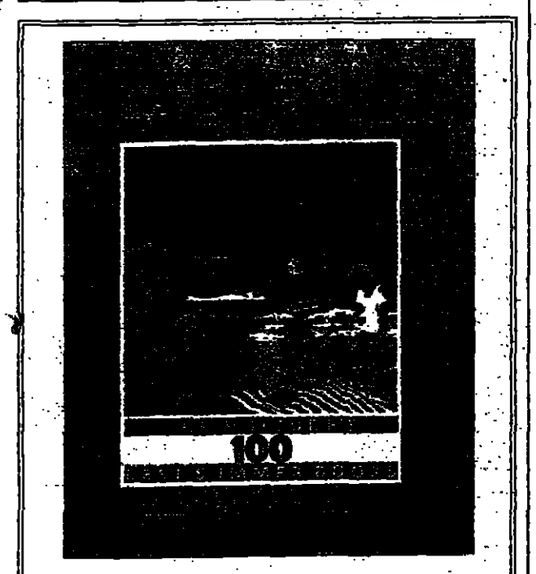
She alleges that the Law Society acted negligently and in breach of its statutory duty in failing properly to investigate her complaints against solicitors involved in her eviction from a cottage in Drayton, Portsmouth, in 1983. The action, which she had mounted only with the unpaid help of lawyers and friends after legal aid was withdrawn, was a test case on the role of self-regulating bodies.

The court had to decide whether the Law Society owed a duty of care to the public when it investigated a complaint and whether it must pay damages if it was negligent in that respect. Mr Justice Otton ruled it had no such duty, but he said its failure in 1979 to investigate Miss Wood's complaints had been negligent.

Miss Wood's case stems from advice given by her solicitors, Hubbard & Co of Chichester, West Sussex. She claims they wrongly acted for both sides when they arranged loans for her to develop her land. She also claims they failed to tell her that a loan was from a firm part-owned by the husband of the partner who acted for Miss Wood.

Miss Wood failed to meet the payments and the solicitors issued a writ to recover the debt. The firm said it could no longer represent Miss Wood and after court battles she was evicted in September 1983. The Law Society at first refused to entertain her complaints but eventually it reprimanded the solicitor.

The society agreed to waive its costs, estimated at £50,000.



The Vulture's cool reads for warm days

It seems quaint to have found the Bond stories so sophisticated, since apart from Q and his gadgetry, the only significant addition to the clean-cut-Briton-bashes-sinister-foreigner genre of Rider Haggard was some fairly coy sexual suggestiveness. The undercurrent of salacious macho hedonism, though, looked forward to Sixties permissiveness, the gadgets to the exuberant, self-satirising special effects of the modern cinema.

The Vulture on Ian Fleming's Dr No, one of his selection of 100 best books for the summer.

And Sam Kylie reports from inside Zaire, a country returning to the jungle.

This Saturday in The Times Magazine

Lady Foster 'aggressive' to Customs

BY RICHARD DUCE

A CUSTOMS officer told the High Court yesterday he was insulted and verbally assaulted by Lady Foster when he tried to question her about her links with Jordan before the Gulf war.

Timothy Entwistle, who is at the centre of the action in which Lady Foster and her daughter India claim they were publicly humiliated at Heathrow airport, said he noticed a Jordanian visa in the older woman's passport when they arrived from Brussels.

UN trade sanction where in force against countries linked with Iraq. Mr Entwistle, 24, said that when he questioned Lady Foster, the wife of the architect Sir Norman Foster, about the visa and asked her when she had been to Jordan, she snapped back: "Can't you see from the stamps?"

He said: "It was quite rude. I explained that they were blurred and asked again ... She became quite aggressive."

Mr Entwistle said he then asked to examine the women's hand baggage and they "began complaining bitterly and creating a disturbance".

He said: "I was rather embarrassed by the things the ladies were saying to me but I was trying my best not to respond ... I was being verbally assaulted."

Pakistan-born Lady Foster, 45, and her daughter India Langmead, 27, who were arrested for obstruction, are suing the Customs for false imprisonment and "slander by conduct".

The Customs say the two women brought the arrest on themselves by being aggressive and unco-operative.

The case continues today.

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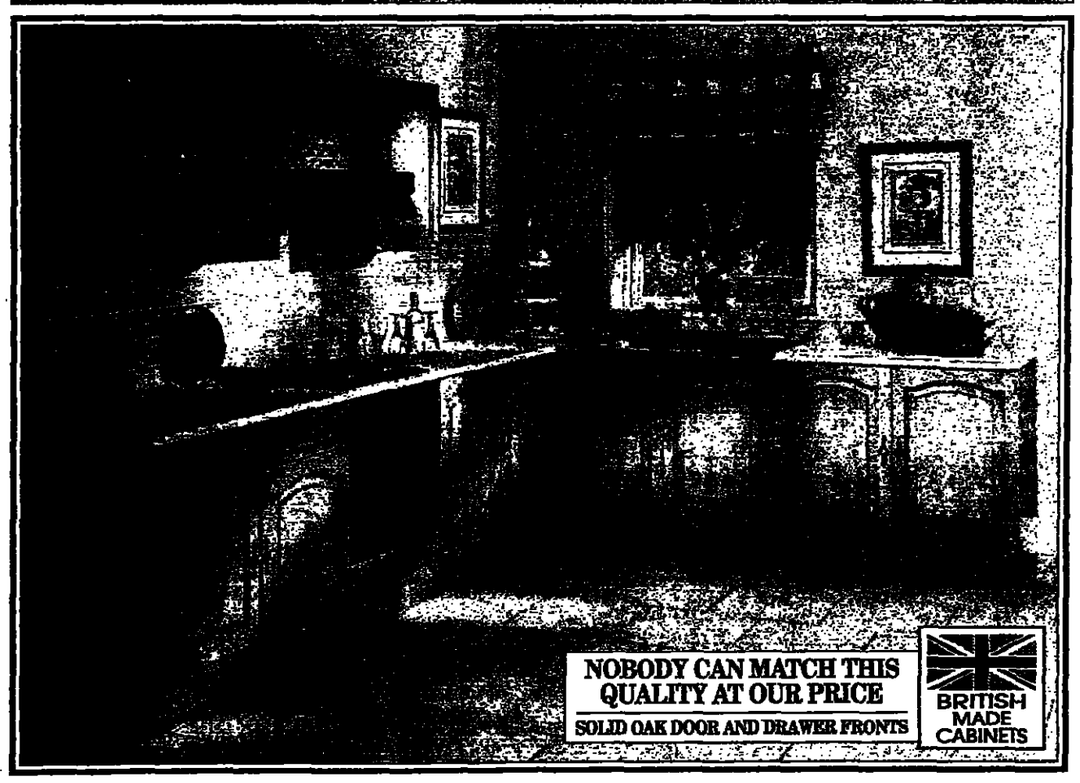

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Gore tours cash in on East End history

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

■ A new tourism venture in the capital is expected to create thousands of vacancies and train young people to fill them

A TOURISM company is countering the Beefeater and chips image of London with "blood and gore" tours of the East End, taking in the haunts of the Krays and Jack the Ripper and highlighting the appalling conditions under which many Londoners lived in Victorian times.

At the same time, it is aiming to create thousands of jobs in the area by the turn of the century.

The Blind Beggar pub in Whitechapel, where Ronnie Kray murdered George Cornell in 1966, will be a high-spot of the tours, which were launched yesterday and which the organisers believe could lead to five million tourist visits a year.

Heritage Trails are a series of walks around the derelict docks and grim industrial streets of Wapping, Dagenham, Whitechapel and Stratford designed to appeal to the American and Japanese fascination for the miseries of former East Enders. Another target is the British enthusiasm for stories of gangland crime and the area's social history, culminating in the television soap opera *EastEnders*.

Trevor Soames, chairman of Thames Tourism Trust (TTT), said: "The selling point will be the blood and gore. Living in East London has been life at the bottom of the pack."

TTT has attracted £65,000 funds from the food, drink and retail group Grand Metropolitan and the Training and Enterprise Council. Unemployed young local people are being trained for jobs as researchers, guides, stewards and merchandise vendors for the Heritage Trail sites.

TTT claims to have identified 2,000 sites of historic interest in the area, many of which will be highlighted on the guided walks with audio-cassette commentary.

Mr Soames said: "It is an ambitious project but we are looking to attract the same numbers of visitors that a theme park like EuroDisney or Disney World can bring."

TTT, which will be non-profit making, also plans to participate in the restoration of 200 key historical buildings, the environmental regeneration of the East London canal system and the building of a big industrial heritage park at Three Mills in Stratford.

It will fund its activities through direct donation, membership fees from associated businesses, grant aid, sponsorship and income secured from its marketing and merchandising.

Mr Soames said: "From Charles Dickens to the television soap opera *EastEnders*, the area has always had something of a reputation. Tourism is the key to filling the gap left when the docks closed and heavy industry left the region."

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Operation Bumblebee nets 310 people in London dawn raids

SIMON WALKER

Dawn duties: officers from Harrow Road in north London wake up the father of a 14-year-old suspect

BY JAMES LANDALE

SOME 1,500 police officers raided hundreds of homes across London early yesterday in the latest stage of Operation Bumblebee, Scotland Yard's campaign to clamp down on burglary in the capital. Officers from London's eight divisions seized a large amount of stolen property in simultaneous raids on 447 addresses.

By mid-morning, 310 people had been arrested, 56 charged, five cautioned and 14 bailed pending further enquiries. Most of those arrested were male, aged 21 to 30 and unemployed.

One suspect was charged with the burglary of £150,000 worth of computer equipment. Another was found with 15 handbags, 24 credit cards and six driving licences. One raid recovered property from at least 12 alleged burglaries.

Police said stolen jewellery, electrical equipment and a number of stolen cameras and camcorders were recovered. At one address in East London, a loaded pump-action shotgun and two handguns were found. A crossbow was found at another. Some drugs were found but police would only specify that half a kilogram of cannabis had been recovered.

Met police stem steep increase in recorded crime

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE steep rise in recorded crime in London has been halted for the first time in five years, with a drop in some crimes including burglary, the Metropolitan police commissioner Paul Condon said yesterday.

But across the mainland, crimes linked to Irish republican terrorism doubled last year to 121, the highest since 1974. There were 52 incidents in London.

London's stabilising crime level goes against the British trend. The Met's annual report for 1992-3, launched by Mr Condon yesterday, shows there were 944,200 recorded crimes between April 1992 and March this year, compared with 942,300 the year before. Previously, there was a rise of about 11 per cent.

Mr Condon said the number of burglaries had fallen for the first time in five years, by 3,000 to 191,600. He said the Operation Bumblebee blitz against burglars was one of the reasons, and as the commissioner was speaking 1,500 officers were involved in the latest series of raids on more than 400 addresses.

He acknowledged, however, that there was a worrying drop of 15 per cent in the arrest rate for serious offences, which is against national trends. The drop has prompted an investigation by Scotland Yard. The clear-up rate — admissions of guilt and charges — was 16 per cent, unchanged for a decade.

In his report, Mr Condon said the total of 96,500 arrests represented the second successive fall, but this figure did not include arrests for minor offences. Some of the fall might be due to greater discretion and sensitivity by officers in dealing with offenders without "the drama and possible disgrace of an arrest".

But, at a press conference, Mr Condon said he feared that another reason for the decrease might be increased bureaucracy which was deterring officers from arrests.

He also expressed continuing worry about the results of disclosing material to defence counsel, which he said had led to 60 important cases being aborted by police across Britain in the past 18 months.

Mr Condon, who raised the issue of disclosure at the *Times* conference on the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice on Tuesday, said problems included the protection not only of informants and technology but also of ordinary witnesses. Anonymity might not be possible for witnesses in cases involving minority groups, such as racial or homosexual attacks.

Asked about the Sheehy report on pay and conditions, Mr Condon said officers were unsettled by talk of change and needed to know where their future lay. "The sooner we settle them down with a sensible reform package, the better."

There was speculation earlier this week that Mr Condon would resign if the Sheehy proposals were implemented in full. He refused to say yesterday whether he had spoken to the home secretary, Michael Howard, since then, but said: "I am confident a sensible package of reforms will emerge. I am confident real consultations are taking place."

He plans to announce in October a policing charter, which will set standards for areas including answering 999 calls and letters.

Condon: arrests for serious crime down

Daughter begs for clues to murderer

BY JOHN YOUNG

THE daughter of a farmer and his wife whose bodies were discovered on their isolated Welsh smallholding early on Tuesday appealed yesterday for help in finding their killer.

Cheryl Tooze, 34, a market researcher of Orpington, Kent, was in tears at a press conference in Talbot Green, Mid Glamorgan, a few miles from the village of Llanharry, near which her parents, Harry, 67, and Megan, 65, lived.

"Whoever did this has destroyed my life," she said. "My mum and dad were my life. They might as well have killed me too for all my life is worth now.

"If there is anyone out there who knows anything about the brutal murders of both my parents, please contact the police. If anyone saw anything or is protecting the person, or who knows the person who did this terrible thing, please come forward."

Police were alerted after Miss Tooze made her regular nightly call to her parents, received no reply and asked a neighbour to investigate. The bodies were found in a cowshed a few yards from the farmhouse.

Det Supt Colin Jones, in charge of the enquiry, said one likely theory was that the couple knew their killer and it was also possible they had disturbed him when they returned from shopping.

"This was a cold-blooded, callous and almost clinical killing which seems bafflingly motiveless," he added. "Anyone capable of such a brutal crime must be considered dangerous. People should be extra vigilant."

He also appealed for a man seen leaving the farm lane, apparently trying to shield his face, to come forward to be eliminated from the enquiry.

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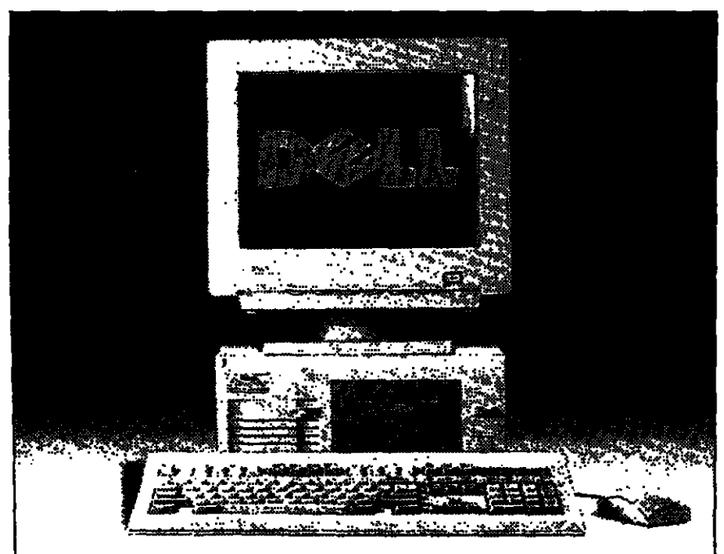

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Literature gives way to schlock horror

■ A report on reading habits finds the revival of British contemporary writing, hailed in the 1980s, has not survived

By Alison Roberts
Arts Reporter

SALES of horror and occult books are stronger than ever, with a surge of interest in the genre reaching new heights last year, according to a report published yesterday.

The number of people reading horror books has more than doubled over the past ten years, while the popularity of war and adventure novels has decreased.

Although horror and the occult remain minority interests, the reversal was described as "slightly sinister" by Michael Goldman, the author of Euromonitor's *1993 Book Report*. "It's a bit worrying because quite a lot of the horror and occult books are schlock," he said.

The research shows that horror books have as big a readership as serious modern novels. Interest in the modern novel has dropped from a high point between 1986 and 1988, when this category accounted for 10 to 11 per cent of all books being read.

At the time, analysts suggested the 1980s were seeing a revival in British contemporary writing, fuelled by the much-publicised Booker Prize.

The modern novel's new popularity did not last: in 1992 it accounted for only 5 per cent of books being read, despite book sales holding up throughout the recession.

The type of book chosen follows distinct sex patterns, according to Euromonitor. One in three women reading fiction choose a romantic novel compared with one in 50 men. Almost a third of male fiction readers prefer crime and thriller novels, while men are four times as likely to read a humourous novel. Non-fiction still far outsells fiction. Biographies are most popular and travel guides outsell gardening or DIY books. The appetite for short stories is as small as ever.

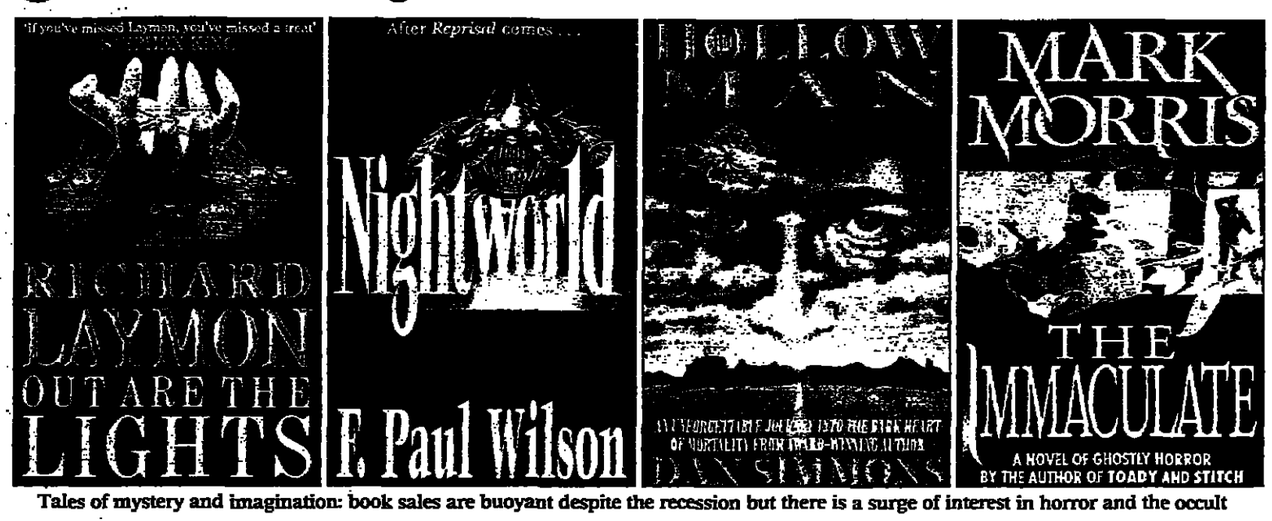
Mr Goldman says the British attention span has not declined and is longer than three seconds. Vikram Seth's *A Suitable Boy* and Donna Tartt's *The Secret History* are both long books which have topped readers' charts.

The UK book market will be worth almost £2.4 billion this year, up from £1 billion in 1981. In real terms, however, the market has remained virtually static for ten years. The report predicts a 12 to 13 per cent growth in real terms by 2000. But Mr Goldman believes the expected imposition of VAT on books later this year might dent the market.

He said the Net Book Agreement, which prevents retailers from cutting prices, was not likely to last out the century. More than 46 per cent of Britons are currently reading a book, the survey discovered. But people are becoming more acquisitive, choosing to buy books rather than borrow them from public libraries. According to the survey of 2,000 people, 41 per cent of those reading a book had bought it, compared with 31 per cent in 1981. W H Smith, which owns the Waterstone chain, is by far the largest single retailer and has a 13 per cent market share.

But books are threatened by the electronic media revolution, with an increasing use of dictionaries and academic texts on computer disc. Booksellers should consider repositioning themselves as "multi-media" sellers, Mr Goldman said. Publishers should recognise a demand for information in different formats.

☐ *The Euromonitor Book Report 1993* (Euromonitor, 87-88 Turnmill Street, London EC1M 5QU; £450)



Tales of mystery and imagination: book sales are buoyant despite the recession but there is a surge of interest in horror and the occult

Ruling will not stop gazumping

By Ian Murray

HOUSE buyers could still be gazumped, despite a Court of Appeal ruling that a written agreement on the purchase price is a binding contract.

Legal experts said yesterday that the ruling merely confirmed the law covering written contracts and did not extend to the traditional "subject to contract" dealsmade by the majority of house purchasers.

The appeal court awarded damages to Tim Pitt, of Chelsworth, Suffolk, because the owner of the house he wanted to buy agreed a price in a rare, written "lock out" agreement *then sold it to someone else for £10,000 more.* Mr Pitt won the case, not because he was gazumped, but because the seller had broken this voluntary contract.

Tony Clark, general secretary of the National Association of Estate Agents, said: "Subject to contract is an invention of English lawyers to circumvent the law. What you need is a contract where the seller agrees not to entertain offers for, say, 14 days. If you enter into a serious contract, then you should honour it."

MPs blame Crown immunity policy for royal firetraps

By Tony Dawe

PEOPLE visiting and working in government buildings, including royal palaces, face unacceptable fire dangers, MPs reported yesterday. The Commons public accounts committee blamed the policy of Crown immunity from the fire laws and welcomed a Home Office plan to review it.

"The government has hidden behind Crown immunity and behaved with complacency and indifference to the safety of its employees and the public," Alan Williams, a former Labour minister and member of the committee, said yesterday.

"Its attitude has been outrageous, cynical and dangerous, and the only way we will get proper fire safety precautions installed is when Crown immunity is lifted."

The committee's report follows a *Times* investigation earlier this year which found that historic Crown premises, including the Houses of Parliament and the White Tower in the Tower of London, were firetraps. *The Times* also disclosed that Windsor Castle, partly destroyed by a £40 million fire last year, and Buckingham Palace, soon to be opened to tourists, do not have fire certificates.

Historic British buildings at risk of deadly fire disasters
Firetraps revealed: The Times, March 8

Yesterday's report into fire prevention in England and Wales confirmed *The Times's* findings that "an anomaly in the legislation requires Crown premises to have a fire certificate, but does not require occupiers to apply for one".

The committee said inspectors of Crown premises had no powers of entry, enforcement or prosecution and that their numbers had been allowed to dwindle so that even those buildings seeking certification had to wait for years to be inspected. "For some years the number of fire inspectors was reduced to two instead of a complement of 38, which underlines the government's complete cynicism towards fire safety," Mr Williams said.

The committee reported that further gaps in the legislation leave schools, hospital wards and prisons free from seeking fire certificates. It concluded: "There is also doubt over the general level of safety of the public and staff in some buildings, even when these have been brought up to the standards required for certification."

The report found that the number of fires, casualties and financial losses have all increased dramatically in Britain over the last 30 years, giving the country one of the worst fire safety records in the developed world.

It criticised the Home Office for giving fire prevention a much lower profile than crime prevention and for significant delays in providing fire safety material for schools and technical guidance about the use of sprinklers and other precautions in places of entertainment. "We look to the Home Office to avoid such delays in future."

A department spokeswoman said yesterday that it would consider the report carefully. The Home Office is hoping to put forward legislation to plug some of the gaps exposed by the committee and to adopt new European safety measures for places of work in the next parliamentary session. Officials indicated, however, that the department was unlikely to recommend the lifting of Crown immunity and would try to appease its critics by stepping up the fire certification programme.

☐ *House of Commons Paper 552*, Committee of Public Accounts, Fire Prevention in England and Wales (Stationery Office, £10)

Agency hails return of heritage visitors

By John Young

THE Tower of London, Hampton Court, the Banqueting House and Kensington and Kew Palaces should be financially self-supporting by the end of the century, David Beeton, chief executive of the Historic Royal Palaces Agency, said yesterday.

He said their fortunes had been transformed since the agency took over their management in 1989, when the numbers of visitors had fallen by a quarter in ten years and they were losing £12 million a year.

The agency's annual report, published yesterday, shows a 50 per cent rise in business income in 1992-3 and a commercial surplus of £4.26 million, 42 per cent up on the previous year. In the past three years, it spent over £20 million on new projects and improvements, including the opening of the medieval palace at the Tower and the restoration of Henry VIII's state apartments at Hampton Court. It had committed a further £20 million to to move part of the Royal Armouries' collection to a museum in Leeds.

Visitor numbers were up by 11 per cent on the previous year at a time that many tourist attractions saw a decline. A big fall in the numbers of overseas visitors during and after the Gulf war had been countered by a campaign to attract more Britons to their heritage.

Mr Beeton said that, when he had taken over, he had been advised by many people "to go down market, and to adopt the Disneyland approach. But I would have none of it. That's not what people expect of the Queen's palaces."

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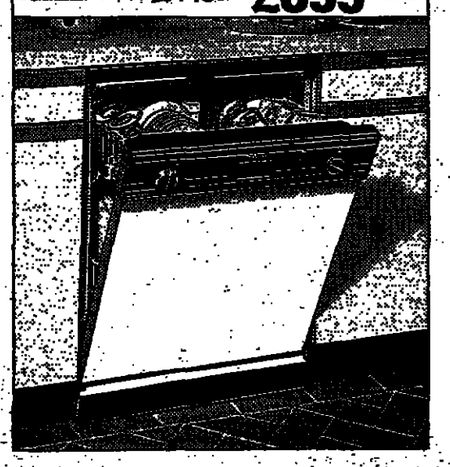

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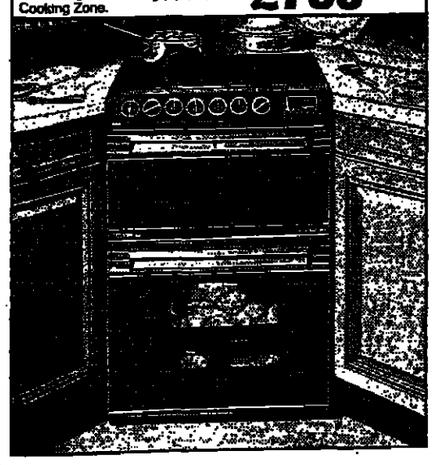

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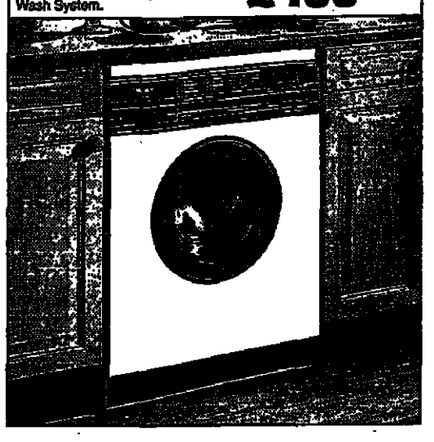

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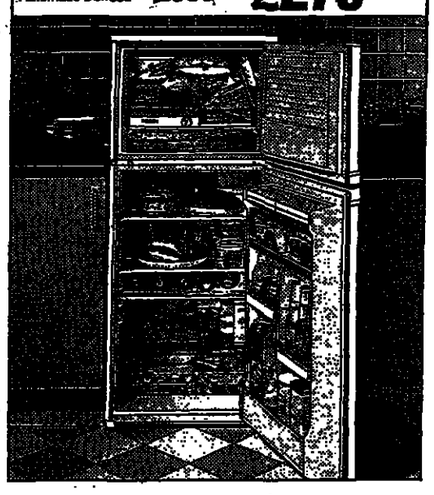

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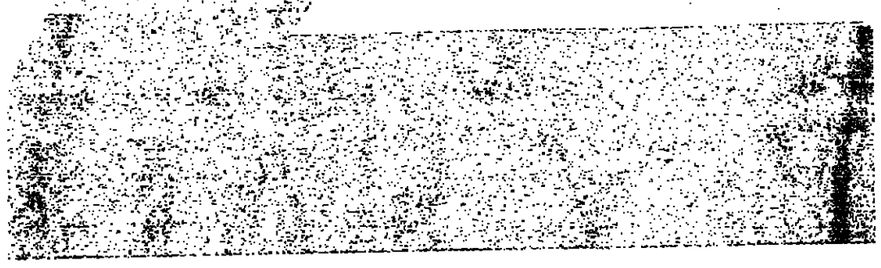

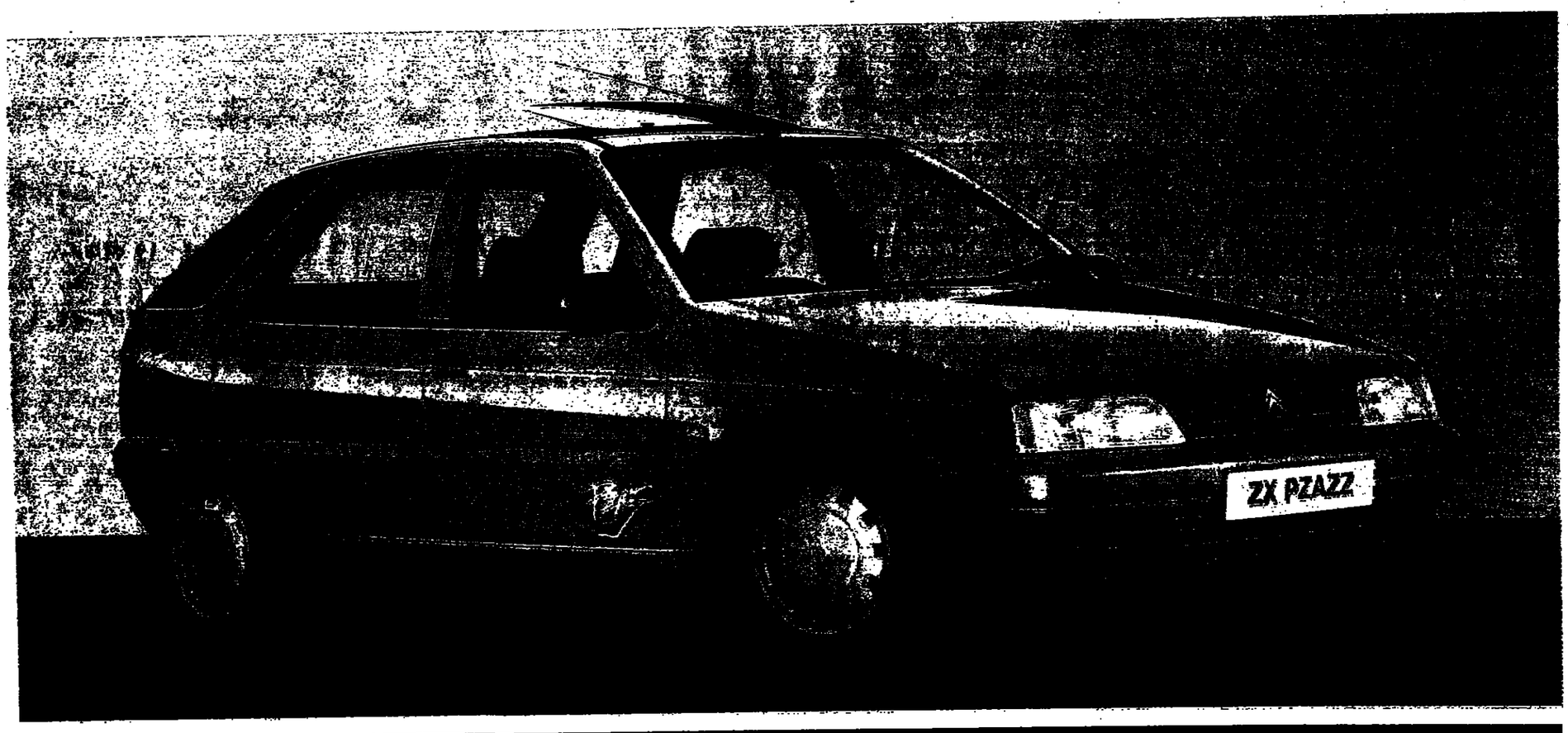

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Country conservationist: in a forthcoming *Survival Special* on ITV, the Prince of Wales looks at baby nuthatches in a nestbox on his Highgrove estate

Loss of rural land alarms guardians

BY JOHN YOUNG

COUNTRYSIDE is still being lost to urban development at an unacceptable and uncontrolled rate, the Council for the Protection of Rural England said yesterday when it urged planners to make more efficient use of existing urban land.

The council estimates the current loss at 11,000 hectares a year, which compares with an average of 15,700 hectares between 1945 and 1990, when government policy promoted new towns and encouraged the expansion of others to take people moving out of the cities.

The council has published detailed regional statistics to support its claim that some 705,000 hectares of rural land — about 6 per cent of the total and equivalent to the combined area of Greater London, Berkshire, Hertfordshire and Oxfordshire — were urbanised in the 45 years after the second world war.

The figures, which are claimed to be the most comprehensive produced, were compiled from a number of sources, including the agriculture and environment departments, the Forestry Commission, the Countryside Commission and the Ordnance Survey.

According to the council, the total area of farmland has declined by 445,000 hectares, and more than a quarter of rough grazing has been lost. The area of woodland has increased by 180,000, but much of that is conifer forest.

Urbanisation has been greatest in the South East — more than twice that of any other region. In the East Midlands the urban area has grown by three quarters, and in the North West by two thirds. The biggest losses of rough grazing — mostly open hill and moorland — were in southwest and northern England.

The council yesterday called for a revision of national and local planning policies to afford the countryside greater protection and to make more efficient use of existing urban land. It said road proposals likely to encourage urban sprawl should be critically reviewed by the transport department.

THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

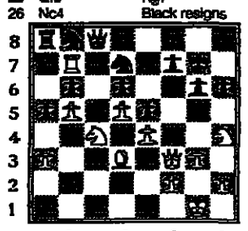
BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

ONE of the favourites in the Fide Interzonal tournament in progress in Biel, Switzerland, is the Russian grandmaster Valery Salov. The tournament has 13 rounds, with ten players going through to the next stage of the Fide cycle. Salov's speciality, as seen here, is to employ quiet openings that lead to crushing results.

White: Valery Salov
Black: D Gluckman
Biel Fide Interzonal 1993

Trompovsky Attack

1	d4	Nf6
2	Bg5	e6
3	Nf3	Be7
4	e3	b6
5	Nbd2	Bb7
6	Bd3	c5
7	0-0	0-0
8	c3	h6
9	Bh4	d6
10	Qe2	Nh5
11	Bxe7	Qxe7
12	g3	Nf6
13	e4	cxd4
14	cxd4	e5
15	d5	Nfd7
16	b4	a5
17	a3	Rc8
18	Nh4	g6
19	Rfc1	Kh7
20	Rxc8	Bxc8
21	Rc1	Ba6
22	b5	Bb7
23	Rc7	Qd8
24	Rxb7	Qc8
25	Qf3	Kg7
26	Nc4	Black resigns



10	Bd2	f6
11	Bb5	0-0
12	Bxc6	Bxd2+
13	Qxd2	bxc6
14	Nd3	c5
15	Nxc5	Nxc5
16	dxc5	fxe5
17	Nxe5	Qf6
18	Qd4	Ba6
19	Rd1	Qg5
20	Nf3	Qh6
21	Nd2	Rf4
22	Qe3	Raf8
23	g3	Rxd2
24	Qxd2	Rxd2
25	Kxd2	Qf6+
26	Kg2	Qc3
27	Nb1	Qxc2+
28	Rd2	Qe4+

White resigns

Readers' games

Times reader Dan Mayers has submitted this game in which the strategic goals of the French Defence, namely the rupture of White's pawn centre, come clearly to the fore.

White: N Donovan
Black: D Mayers
Westminster Chess Tournament 1993

French Defence

1	e4	e6
2	d4	d5
3	Nd2	Nc6
4	Ngf3	Nf6
5	e5	Nd7
6	Nb3	a5
7	Bf4	a4
8	Nc1	a3
9	b3	Bb4+

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Parents break teachers' grip on discipline

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION REPORTER

PARENTS who undermine teachers by challenging attempts to discipline pupils could force the government to issue new guidelines to schools.

Eric Forth, the schools minister, said after a teachers' conference yesterday: "I think the attitude of a lot of parents is becoming a problem." Whereas parents used to take the side of teachers in discipline, there was now a tendency for them to back their children automatically and cause difficulties for head teachers.

Members of the Professional Association of Teachers said that the Children Act was being exploited by pupils to make false allegations against staff.

Mr Forth accepted that the balance might need to be redressed because of feckless parents and a tide of complaint from teachers that they could not impose discipline without risk of legal challenge from pupils. The education department was considering issuing guidelines on the sanctions schools might take against errant pupils.

Grahame Leon-Smith, a former head teacher, said that parents must be legally required to take greater responsibility for children's behaviour by enforcing curfews and paying fines imposed by the courts. The union's annual conference at Egham, Surrey, overwhelmingly supported a call demanding more emphasis to be given to pupils' responsibilities and less to their rights.

Mr Leon-Smith, a union officer, said parents were blaming schools increasingly for their wayward children. "They say that it is the school's fault because the teachers are always picking on their child. It's the school's fault because *he plays truant because the* lessons are boring ... or that he has already been cautioned three times for shoplifting, three times for taking and driving away, and three times for burglary, because the school is not teaching him discipline."

Children would continue to go to the wall unless parents were made to accept their responsibilities, Mr Leon-Smith said. Parents should be required by law to attend counselling sessions with difficult children.

Ann Ashe, head teacher of Margaretting Primary School, Chelmsford, Essex, said that more children were starting school without any understanding of the word 'no'. She said: "When Jesus said, 'Suffer the little children', he wanted us to care for them and protect them, and not allow them to do what they want.

"Parents must take responsibility in the home for the behaviour of their children in order that we can then encourage and foster self-discipline *and social responsibility*."

David Wedgwood, head teacher of Fairstead School, Newmarket, Suffolk, said people were fed up with excuses for young criminals from the army of psychologists, sociologists and reform groups. "They always have excellent arguments as to why any proposed action would be bad for those convicted, or unfair to parents," he said.

NEWSBRIEF

Broadmoor man caught

A double killer who failed to return from a visit to his sister was recaptured by police in Tooting, southwest London.

Raymond Bush, 53, sent to Broadmoor in 1983 after he killed a woman and a man, was hiding in a house. People had been warned not to approach him.

Escaper freed

A man accused of escaping from jail was mistakenly freed by Liverpool magistrates after he had swapped charge sheets with a drunk while waiting in police cells.

Caring touch

Nine women housekeepers will join Wellington College, a public school in Berkshire, to provide a caring regime and help boys cope with bullying.

Rape arrests

Three men were arrested in connection with the rape of two 16-year-old girls in Pontins holiday camp at Hemsby, Norfolk.

Getaway car

A canvas model patrol car, used by police to discourage speeding, was stolen from a bridge at South Brent, Devon.

Chemical in water may affect bills

BY NICK NUTTALL
ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

MANY water companies and their customers face increased bills if a chemical linked with cancer is to be eradicated from supplies to hundreds of thousands of homes.

The government's drinking water inspectorate yesterday disclosed sharp rises in the number of areas where water is contaminated by polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH). The number breaking PAH standards has more than doubled in two years.

Owen Hydes, deputy chief inspector, said the increase was due partly to improved laboratory detection and partly to the ageing of water mains: their coal tar coating is deteriorating, particularly in areas of southern Britain with hard water, and is thought to be causing the contamination.

Water companies showing increases in zones failing PAH standards include Thames and Southern.

However, Michael Healey, the inspectorate's chief inspector, said that 98.7 per cent of the 3.75 million tests carried out in 1992 had complied with standards. "I am able to confirm that drinking water remains of very high quality."

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Enquiry will reject allegation of plot to close shipyard

By Bill Frost

AN independent enquiry into the circumstances surrounding Swan Hunter's loss of a vital Royal Navy contract to rival shipbuilders VSEL will today conclude that defence officials acted "fairly and correctly".

The enquiry, conducted by the National Audit Office, was triggered by a request from the Commons defence committee amid allegations from MPs over the way the contract had been tendered. They suggested that a sustantial disparity between bids smacked of unfair competition with VSEL subsidising their price "largely out of the profits of Trident submarine sales to the MoD".

However, the audit office report will today support the ministry's decision to award the contract for the helicopter carrier HMS *Ocean* to the Barrow-in-Furness yard, VSEL, on price grounds. Swan Hunter, the last surviving yard on the Tyne, had costed the order at £210 million while its rivals had produced a bid £71 million lower.

The primary determining factor was price as both bids for the carrier contract had been assessed as technically acceptable, the report says. Allegations from Labour MPs that "there was a government plot to close Swan Hunters" are rejected. The audit office says the ministry of defence treated both sides in a "fair and even-handed" manner. Similarly, there was no evidence to support claims that the ministry had reached a decision on the order at the end of last year — six months before its choice was made public.

The enquiry notes that the technical assessment conducted on both tenders was "thorough, competent and fair". The advice given to ministers left them in no doubt that the warship ordered would be built to the appropriate standards.

The audit office says that the Ministry of Defence has recognised the crucial importance of monitoring VSEL's progress to ensure the carrier is completed on time, to specification and to the fixed price of £139 million.

Swan Hunter called in receivers after the loss of the order last May and has subsequently laid off about a third of the yard's 2,200 workforce. A further 4,000 jobs in the Wallsend area are also feared to be in jeopardy if no buyer is found.

Neville Trotter, the Conservative MP for Tynemouth who made the original appeal for an investiagtion, yesterday described the VSEL tender for the helicopter carrier as "absurdly low — tens of millions of pounds too low". He suggested that the yard had opted to take the risk of supporting its bid from significant company profits.

"I am reassured that many of the allegations have been dealt with by the enquiry. However, if I was a VSEL shareholder I would urgently want to know why the company threw £50 million away on this order," he told *The Times*.

☐ Two former chiefs of the defence staff yesterday sharply attacked the way the armed forces are being run and the cuts being made (Robert Morgan writes). Field Marshall Lord Bramall told a House of Lords debate on the recent defence white paper that cuts in defence spending were leading to "risks". He said that the running of the forces had swung "disproportionately to the accountants".

Marshal of the Royal Air Force Lord Craig of Radley, who headed the forces from 1988 to 1991, spoke of a "major erosion of our air defences". Lord Bramall said army manpower was insufficient and would leave the infantry "inadequately established and weakly manned".

Courts 'cannot wait for a crisis' to settle treaty issues

By Nicholas Watt

EUROPEAN divisions over the Falklands war were raised in the High Court yesterday to highlight the dangers of handing over elements of Britain's foreign policy to the European Community.

On the final day of Lord Rees-Mogg's challenge to the Maastricht treaty, which was adjourned for judgment until tomorrow, his counsel said the crown had no right to transfer elements of foreign and security policy to the EC.

David Pannick QC told Lord Justice Loyd, Lord Justice Mann and Mr Justice Auld that such fundamental prerogative powers could not be transferred to another person, and Britain could not wait until a crisis forced the courts to solve the matter. "Suppose there was another Falklands war and there was some dispute between what was right for the UK and what was in the interests of solidarity within the union," Mr Pannick said. "I would respectfully submit that it would be most inappropriate at that stage for the courts to be expected to grapple with such matters."

Lord Rees-Mogg will learn tomorrow whether he has succeeded in his challenge to the ratification of the treaty. The former editor of *The Times*, who describes his challenge as the most important constitutional case for 300 years, maintains that the government cannot lawfully ratify the treaty because Parliament has not approved the social protocol.

Mr Pannick accused the Attorney-general of giving erroneous advice to ministers. "Parliament was being told, and being accurately told, that it was the advice of ministers from the Attorney-general that the [Maastricht treaty] did cover the social protocol. Our case, with great respect, to the Attorney-general, is that the advice was wrong. If our submissions are correct that the treaty does not include the protocol that issue cannot be altered by the fact that Parliament, regrettably, was given erroneous legal advice."

Mr Pannick said Britain could not ratify a protocol which increased the powers of the European parliament unless it was approved by an Act of Parliament. "We say that the 1972 [European Communities Act] does impliedly restrain the powers of the crown to make amendments to the treaty of Rome without parliamentary approval," he said.

Sydney Kentridge QC, for Mr Hurd, said earlier that Lord Rees-Mogg's case was based on "fundamental constitutional misconceptions". He said that the royal prerogative was being used lawfully to ratify the treaty and the social protocol, and that foreign affairs would remain the responsibility of the British government.

Whatever the judges decide tomorrow the issue is likely to go the Court of Appeal. The Master of the Rolls, Sir Thomas Bingham, is expected to hear the appeal with two other judges on August 9. The House of Lords will then give a final ruling, probably in September. Meanwhile, the government has undertaken not to proceed with ratification until the courts have completed their review.

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Brown puts new shine on Labour party image

By Jill Sherman
Political Correspondent

GORDON Brown, the shadow Chancellor, yesterday sought to throw off Labour's image as a high-tax, high-spending party, and John Smith's plans to reform the party received a boost when the national executive supported a new £3 membership rate for trade unionists who pay the political levy.

In a keynote speech to Labour's finance and industry group, Mr Brown argued that Labour was wrongly perceived at the last election as wanting to tax people for its own sake because it was thought to be anti-wealth. It was also accused of spending inefficiently. This image had to be dispelled. "We do not look for increased opportunities to tax unless we increase opportunities for all."

Earlier the party's ruling body agreed to the key rule changes needed for Mr Smith's three reforms and approved new subscription rates as part of a move to attract more members and to make his reforms more palatable to the unions.

The NEC agreed that the full membership fee should drop from £18 to £15; pensioners' and the unemployed should continue to pay £5; and those paying the union levy could become full party members for £3, allowing them to vote in leadership elections and the selection of parliamentary candidates.

The rule changes could be defeated by the unions at the party conference in September. In the left-wing *Tribune* newspaper today Bill Morris, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers', points out that trade unionists are being asked to pay for rights they already have.

Bottomley refuses to pledge free medicines

By Jonathan Prynn

VIRGINIA Bottomley, the health secretary, has refused to rule out making children, pregnant women and the very poor pay for prescriptions.

Charges are currently levied on only about 20 per cent of prescriptions because most heavy users of the health service fall into one of the exempt categories.

The £4.25 charge brings in £278 million a year compared with a £2.3 billion drugs bill for the family health service last year. Michael Portillo, the Treasury chief secretary, is examining ways of curbing the NHS drugs bill as part of his long-term review of government spending.

Questioned about the future of exemptions by the Commons health select committee yesterday, Mrs Bottomley would only say that "any holder of my office .. will continue year on year to review the balance of exemptions and charges". However, she repeated the commitment made by the Chancellor in Christchurch last week that pensioners will not have to pay prescription charges. She also ruled out a suggested "Medicard" system of annual prescription levies.

Mrs Bottomley accused Labour members of the committee of dragging prescription charges into the party political arena and conducting a "slightly sterile debate". She said 100 million more free prescriptions a year were being provided now than in 1979 and claimed that Britain offered the most generous regime of exemptions in Europe.

Mrs Bottomley also announced the departure of Sir Duncan Nichol, the chief executive of the health service, after five years in the post.

Ashdown draws up reform blueprint

By Jonathan Prynn

PADDY Ashdown yesterday launched the Liberal Democrat blueprint for overhauling Britain's "antiquated and ineffective constitution". The document, *Here We Stand — Proposals for Modernising Britain's Democracy*, details a programme of reforms including:

☐ A written constitution, incorporating a bill of rights, that would be upheld by a supreme court.

☐ Establishing freedom of information as the norm.

☐ Home rule for Scotland and Wales and regional parliaments in the UK.

☐ A democratically elected second chamber.

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Mr Ashdown described the document as "the most comprehensive and thought-out package of measures" on how to put Westminster right and bridge the gap between the government and the governed .. The Conservatives are always telling us if it ain't fixed, don't mend it .. Our system is broke and it needs mending."

The party leadership hopes the document will be endorsed as official policy at its conference in September.

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Italy mourns as bombers target a nation's heritage

Vista of destruction: the bomb-damaged 4th-century Arch of Janus and the church of San Giorgio al Velabro in Rome; President Scalfaro shows the Pope damage to the Basilica of St John Lateran, right

■ Denouncing cultural terrorists, the Italian president vowed to risk death rather than halt the war on corruption

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

ITALY mourned another attack on its cultural heritage yesterday after three car bombs in Rome and Milan killed five people and damaged one of Christendom's greatest churches and the spot where legend holds Romulus and Remus were found.

The Pope toured the Basilica of St John Lateran, the cathedral of the popes in their capacity as bishops of Rome, hours after one of the blasts from an estimated 440 lb in explosives packed in a car ripped through the portico, buckling two metal gates, destroying frescoes and shattering the central wooden and bronze doors. Windows were blown out in the adjoining 4th-century baptistry. The pontiff condemned "vile attacks aimed at the Christian heart of Rome".

Angelo Finocchiaro, head of the intelligence service SISDE, who has been criticised for his failure to prevent the attacks, resigned. He was under investigation over a scandal involving expropriation of secret service funds and was replaced by Domenico Salazar, a senior interior ministry official from Catania.

Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the prime minister, called the bombings "attempts to create disorder and panic to slow the progress of the country towards renewal." President Scalfaro vowed that even if he were assassinated Italy would not renounce its struggle to ditch the old, corrupt system.

The bombings were the latest outbreak of cultural terrorism targeting art treasures since a May 27 car bomb attack on the Uffizi gallery in Florence. Fifty thousand people took to the streets yesterday to protest against the bombs in Milan, where five people died in an attack in front of the modern art museum.

Commentators linked the attacks to the "strategy of tension" of the 1970s when right-wingers set off bombs to try to prevent Communists entering government. Marco Formentini, mayor of Milan, blamed the attacks on Mafia attempts to frighten Italians away from reform.

The vandals return, page 14

Hardliners undo rouble reform

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

THE Russian parliamentary leadership yesterday reversed the unpopular currency reform initiated by the central bank to combat inflation, as hardliners stepped up their attempts to use the rouble fiasco to undermine President Yeltsin.

The parliament's praesidium scrapped all limits on the exchange of old roubles and ordered businesses to continue to take pre-1993 notes. Vladimir Lifin, a conservative praesidium member, said Mr Yeltsin had known of the move but failed to prevent it.

Viktor Gerashchenko, the central bank chairman, denied the competence of the praesidium to reverse the reform. He hinted that the terms of the heavy-handed decree, which unsettled the entire rouble zone, might be amended.

The currency row is turning into a quarrel about the exercise of power in Russia, with parliamentary forces hostile to Mr Yeltsin seeking to wrest control of key economic and political decisions.

Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan expressed concern at the effects of the disarray in Moscow by calling for an urgent summit of the Commonwealth of Independent States. They complained that agreements were being unilaterally broken and, in a jibe at Russia, added: "Integration is losing out to regional separatism, isolationism by particular states who wish to haul themselves out of crisis at the cost of neighbouring states."

The handling of the reform has also exposed the strain at the heart at Russia's state structures weakened by the constitutional wrangle. Mr Gerashchenko has claimed that Ruslan Khasbulatov, the parliamentary Speaker, knew about the decision in advance, and appears to feel betrayed by his hostility. Mr Gerashchenko told *Izvestia*: "The fact that parliament was not consulted does not mean that certain senior officials did not know what was going to happen."

The silence from the president's office suggests that Mr Yeltsin may have been informed of the currency reform in advance but either was not told of its drastic nature or failed to realise what its effect would be.

It looks increasingly likely that Mr Yeltsin and Mr Khasbulatov, his key rival, had some knowledge of the reform and were surprised by the antipathy to it. They have chosen different strategies in the aftermath, with Mr Khasbulatov blaming the government for the disaster but not the central bank, while Mr Yeltsin has not commented.

There are worrying splits within the government for him to deal with, particularly between Boris Fyodorov, the finance minister, who opposes intervention, and Viktor Chernomyrdin, the prime minister. The balance of power and co-operation between them is important since the liberal Mr Fyodorov is regarded in the West as the guarantor of further radical reform, while Mr Chernomyrdin represents the more cautious, industry-led approach to restructuring.

Moscow: Boris Fyodorov, Russia's finance minister, said Viktor Gerashchenko, the central bank chairman, must resign and accused him of undermining trust in the government by withdrawing old banknotes *from circulation*.

Mr Fyodorov said he was totally opposed to the central bank's move, announced last weekend but later denounced by parliament and watered down by President Yeltsin. *(Reuter)*

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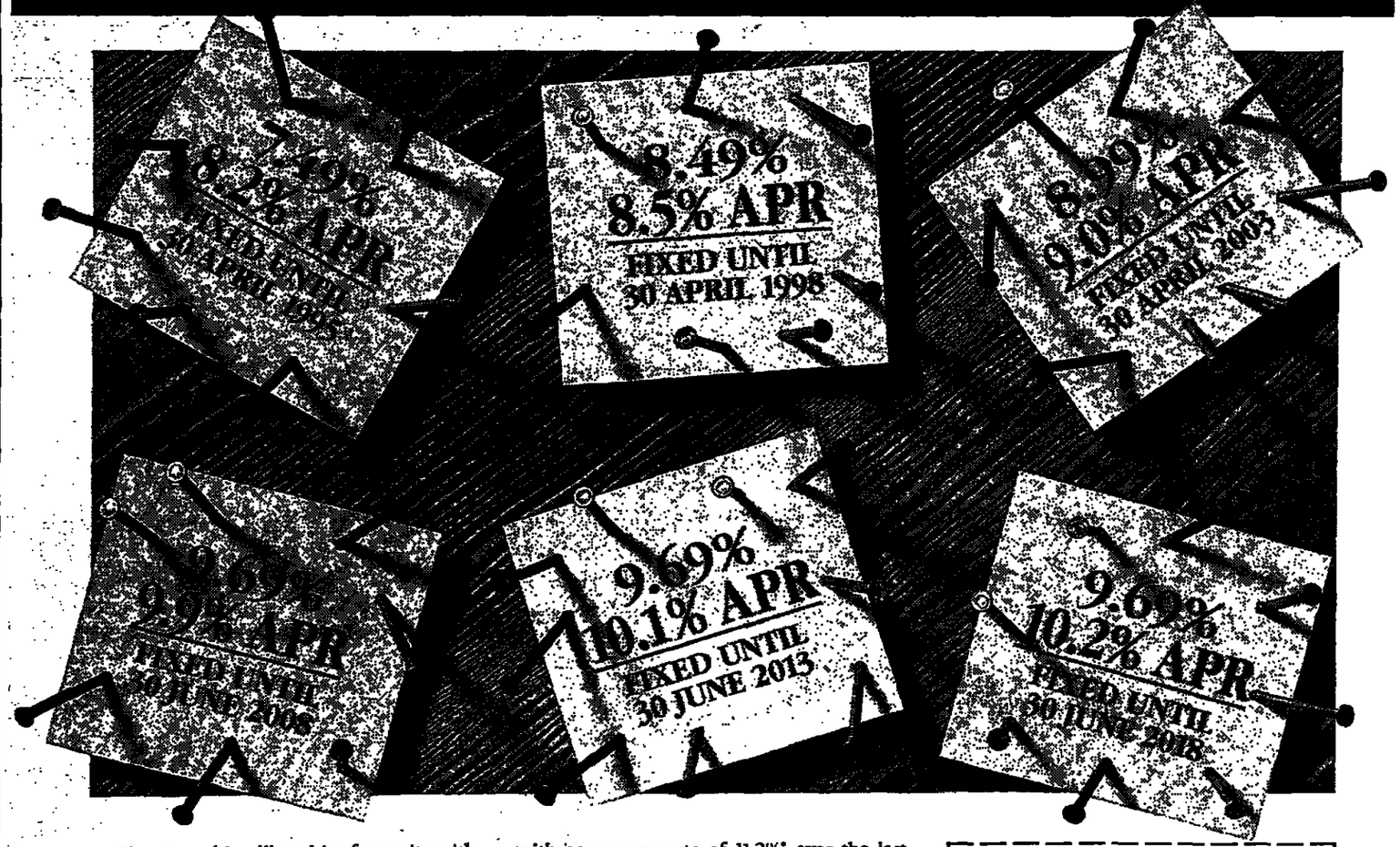

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Devon boy hailed as hero of Cape Town massacre

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN CAPE TOWN

■ As a spirit of forgiveness emerges from Sunday's church massacre, police believe that they may have found the killers' car

RICHARD Okill, 17, born in Barnstaple, Devon, who was among the victims of the Kenilworth church massacre here on Sunday evening and whose funeral service will be held at the church today, is being hailed as a hero.

The boy stayed behind in Cape Town after his parents decided to return to England so that he could complete his matriculation year. He went to St James's church last Sunday and sat at the back, between two young women, Lisa McClachlan and Bonny Reeves. As the killers entered the church and started shooting, he pulled the two to the floor and threw himself over them to protect them. They escaped unharmed, but Richard was killed by one of the grenades thrown by the attackers.

Two other young heroes died when they apparently threw themselves on top of a grenade about to explode. They were Gerald Harker, 21, and his brother Wesley, 14. Last Sunday night was the first time Wesley had been to the church. Gerald had been taken there a week earlier by the daughter of a fellow trawler captain of his father. Police said the boys' action probably saved more people from death or injury.

Richard Okill's father Clive, 45, is an ordained minister in the Church of England in South Africa, to which St James's belongs, but returned to Britain a month ago to look for a post with the Church of England. "It was not because of the political situation," he said yesterday, "because it doesn't scare me. But if Richard's death brings us back to South Africa for a purpose, then I may stay. If they are trying to drive out whites by this kind of act, then we may very well stay."

Mr Okill also insisted that he bore no anger and no bitterness towards his son's killers. "If these men are caught, then justice must be seen to be done. But it must be a civilised justice."

A sense of forgiveness runs very strongly through the congregation of St James's, lay and clergy alike. Bishop Frank Retief, the rector of the church, who was at home during the incident, although two of his children were present, said yesterday: "We are a Christian people and we have to extend forgiveness to the perpetrators. It is not an easy thing to do, and it doesn't mean that we condone it, or that we don't want to see them brought to justice. But even people as evil as these can repent and be brought to Christ."

Many people who were in the church during the attack are now suffering various forms of psychological trauma, and the church, in co-operation with the police, is conducting what psychologists call "debriefing sessions". Almost 600 people are attending.

Separate counselling is being given to the bereaved families, and to those who were not at church on Sunday evening but believe they ought to have been. Young children who at the time of the attack were not in the main body of the church but a separate hall will also be debriefed on Sunday during Sunday school. They will be asked to draw their impressions of what happened.

Dr Angelo Grazioli, who is conducting the debriefing sessions, said yesterday that the many Russian sailors who were in church, some for the first time in their lives, were in particular need of counselling. They had had trouble understanding the service, and when the killers appeared many thought it was a theatrical depiction of the struggle between good and evil.

One of the sailors was to be married next week. He is in a Cape Town hospital, having lost both his legs in the blast. He has also since had an arm amputated. One of the Russians killed was the sole breadwinner for the nine dependent women in his family.

Police hunting the killers had their first real breakthrough yesterday. Acting on a tip-off, 300 officers raided Ottery, a mixed Coloured and white low-income residential and industrial suburb a mile from St James's.

A pale yellow Datsun parked under a tree behind a scrapyard was seized and taken away for forensic examination. Two bullet holes apparently made by shots fired from behind the car led police to believe it may have been the vehicle used by the killers. A national service officer who had been in St James's fired at the killers as they drove away from the church on Sunday.

The car was stolen in the black township of Guguletu an hour before the massacre. It was abandoned where it was found two hours later.

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Selfless courage: Richard Okill, pictured here when 15, probably saved the lives of two women in the church attack by protecting them with his own body

Dead aide had list on psychiatry

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

WHITE House officials found a list of Washington psychiatrists in the west wing office of Vincent Foster, the lifelong friend and senior aide of President Clinton who committed suicide last week, it was revealed yesterday.

The list added to a growing body of circumstantial evidence that Foster killed himself simply because of depression, and not for some more sinister reason. The justice department cited the discovery of the list as a reason why it had suddenly and mysteriously scaled down its investigation this week into Foster's death. It had previously pledged an all-out effort to establish that there was no foul play or blackmail.

However, there is no indication that Foster contacted any of the psychiatrists and there are still no answers to such critical questions as where he got the gun and what he did in the five hours between leaving the White House and the discovery of his body.

The Wall Street Journal, pointing out that Foster was a member of the president's inner circle, yesterday regretted that "nothing will be done to tell the public why so sensitive an official took his own life or, for that matter, reassure us that he indeed did".

William Rees-Mogg, page 16

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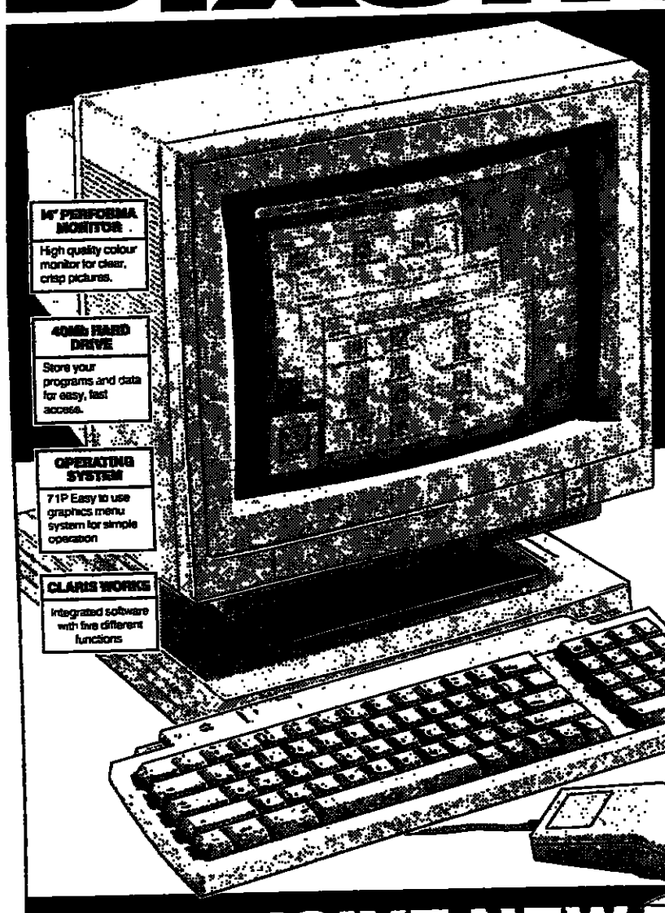

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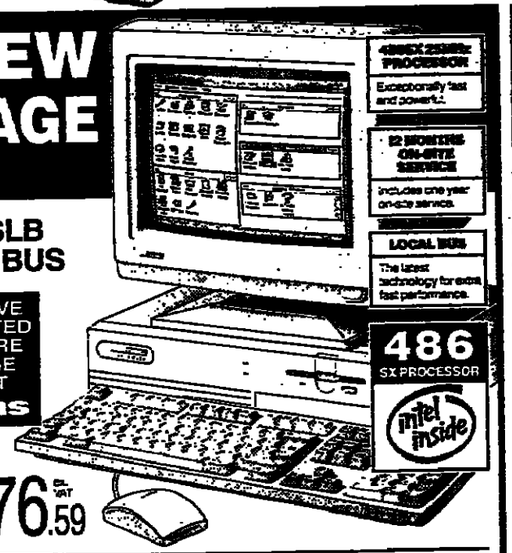

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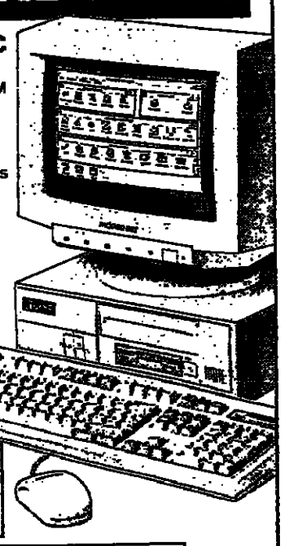

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Fear of civil war drives Nigerians out of the cities

BY SAM KILEY, AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of Nigerians started moving away from cities to their home towns in the countryside yesterday as fears of civil war grew after the government crackdown on the press and the detention of opposition leaders.

The two civilian groups, the Social Democratic Party and the National Republican Convention, last night continued trying to forge a deal for an interim government, in an attempt to solve the gravest political crisis in a decade. But without the support of the armed forces a deal struck by civilians is worth only the paper it is written on.

Many Nigerians fear a resurgence of ethnic conflict in Africa's most populous country and recall that a million people died during the civil war in Biafra during the late 1960s. Chief Moshood Abiola, the undeclared winner of the annulled June presidential elections, said: "I beg all those who are moving from place to place to please stay where they are. We will pursue a solution to this political impasse in such a way that lives and properties will be safe." His message may be in vain as tensions threaten to spill over into violence between his supporters and the government, while the armed forces also appeared to have divided into three factions. Foreign diplomats in Lagos said that large numbers of people from the north of Nigeria were moving home, fearing that they could become the targets of southerners. Other sources reported large movements away from Ibadan and Port Harcourt in the far south.

Babangida: bent on holding new election

General Ibrahim Babangida, who seized power in a coup in 1985, has set August 14 for a new round of presidential polls and pledged to hand power back to a civilian government by August 27. Chief Abiola and the rest of the SDP have refused to take part in the new voting.

This impasse was met last Friday with the closure of four newspapers, including the *Concord*, owned by Chief Abiola. The move was seen by Nigerian opposition figures and foreign diplomats as another sign that the military regime wants to hang on to power.

Many opposition figures and military sources said the country was now in danger of suffering another military coup. Parts of the armed forces, mostly British-trained professional officers, have told opposition politicians that they want to drive General Babangida out of office and install Chief Abiola.

"We are fed up. The country is getting poorer. No one respects the army, and we have had elections which should be recognised," one senior military source said. So far members of Chief Abiola's Social Democratic Party have insisted that only a democratic solution is viable.

More sinister, a senior SDP official said, were indications that some officers were considering launching a coup in pursuit of power themselves. "This country should not need the army. I do not believe it will. If Babangida does not hand power back to the people on August 27, then the people will have to take it for themselves," an SDP source said.

Multiparty talks go ahead despite Inkatha boycott

FROM REUTER IN JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH Africa's democracy negotiators yesterday debated constitutional principles leading to black majority rule, but key black and white conservatives boycotted the talks.

An end to 350 years of white domination could come as early as next month if the government and the ANC push through their timetable for the installation of a multi-racial transitional body with veto powers over the existing white cabinet. But the absence of the Inkatha Freedom Party, the KwaZulu black homeland and the white Conservative Party, which all seek virtual autonomy in a new South Africa, has cast a shadow over the political future.

The three, which represent a vociferous minority of black and white conservatives, had been given a deadline of midday to return or the debate on a new constitution for the country would proceed without them.

Roelf Meyer, the chief government negotiator, said the government and Inkatha would meet again tomorrow in a bid to get the Zulu-based Inkatha back to the negotiating chamber. "It's disappointing that Inkatha and the Conservative Party have missed today's lively debate on regionalism," he said.

"They could have come here to see the door is still open for them," Mr Meyer said.

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Old guard tries to stay in command as Liberal Democrats face opposition exile

Uneasy alliance bids for power in Japan

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

TEN days after its "watershed" election, Japan still has no government. The byzantine backstage *manoeuvrings*, beloved of politicians here, continues over possible alliances, heightening the probability that the Liberal Democratic Party will be forced into opposition for the first time since its formation in 1955.

The leaders of seven non-communist parties are expected to meet today to declare their intention to form a governing coalition and to attempt to select a candidate for prime minister.

A more uneasy alliance would be hard to conceive. Linked by a common desire to oust the *LDP*, the seven parties straddle a spectrum of policies and leadership ambitions so diverse as to defy agreement on almost everything else.

At the left of the "alliance" is the Social Democratic party, whose dominant Marxist-Leninist hardliners support President Kim Il Sung of North Korea, oppose the US-Japan security alliance and espouse a policy of "unarmed neutrality" drawn up in 1949 which proposes the abolition of Japan's self-defence forces.

At the other end of the spectrum, the conservative Shinseito (Japan Renewal party) is controlled by Ichiro Ozawa, a hawkish former *LDP* power broker, who favours changing the constitution to allow increased military participation in peacekeeping operations. Shinseito has also promised a parliamentary resolution that would clarify Japan's role in the second world war.

Ranged between the two are five other parties, two of them centrist spin-offs from the socialists and three conservative offshoots from the LDP.

The LDP, racked by internecine battles of its own, finally agreed yesterday who should run in its leadership election on Friday. In a battle that will test the party's commitment to renewal, Michio Watanabe, 70, the former foreign minister who is believed to be suffering from cancer, will run against Yohei Kono. Mr Kono, 56, is chief cabinet secretary, and the choice of younger members who are intent on ridding the party of its image as a money distribution machine run by a scandal-tainted gerontocracy. Mr Watanabe, as leader of the party's third-biggest faction, is a scion of that gerontocracy.

LDP prospects dimmed further yesterday when three lower house members left the party to become independents. Protesting at the party's continuing failure to conduct serious discussions on reform, Mutsuki Kato, head of a minority faction, left with Akira Fukida, a former home affairs minister, and Issei Koga. A fourth faction member, Masami Tanabu, the agriculture minister, is expected to leave soon.

Elder statesman: Michio Watanabe, 70, the former foreign minister, announcing he will run for the LDP leadership

The LDP has by no means given up on forging an external alliance and the guessing game continues over who is offering what and to whom. Discussions hinge not on policy differences but on the *jinmyaku* personal alliances of party leaders, the provision of political funding and on obligation and indebtedness.

Lurking in the background as brokers to such deals are shadowy figures such as Ikeda Daisaku, the charismatic and autocratic leader of Soka-gakkai, a Buddhist sect with a following of 15 million.

Whatever the shape and colour of the new coalition, the Japanese have yet to be shown a change in the way politics is conducted.

☐ Morihiro Hosokawa was incorrectly identified as the leader of the Renewal party in *The Times* on July 19. He leads the Japan New Party.

Russians trade sex for leather

FROM REUTER IN DELHI

SCORES of hard-up Russian women have embarked on a career in prostitution in India to buy leather garments they can sell for a profit back home.

"It is a gold mine for the Russians," said V.K. Agarwal, a Delhi-based leather garments dealer. He said leather jackets that typically sold for about 1,500 rupees (£33) were passed on to Russian wholesalers for about £45. Other goods taken out of India illegally in commercial quantities include knitwear, jewellery and food.

Police said Russian prostitutes were coming in large numbers to Delhi and doing a roaring trade working out of at least half a dozen cheap hotels. Police and garment traders dealing with a steady flow of Russian customers say the women make a good profit by investing in exports.

But the dwindling value of the rouble, now trading at about 1,000 to the dollar, has forced Russian visitors to raise funds for the exports from within India. Selling Russian goods on the streets of Delhi is one way to make the money and prostitution is another.

'Lame duck' Rao survives vote

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

THE minority Indian government of P. V. Narasimha Rao survived a motion of no confidence by 262 votes to 248 last night. Backroom horse-trading had continued into the evening as the frail administration, beset by leadership battles and internal feuds, struggled to muster enough backing to survive the vote, forced by a mix of left, centre and right-wing parties, and avoid a general election.

Cynical political commentators had said that the outcome would be decided by the "suitcase factor", referring to the distribution of money to MPs for their support, a practice commonplace in India at times of high political drama.

Mr Rao had been assured of victory until a small party with 20 MPs, the Janata Dal (A), announced to everybody's surprise that it would vote against the government. But it appeared that managers of the ruling Congress party had succeeded in persuading more than a third of the Janata Dal (A) to back Mr Rao.

Although Congress had been confident of survival, if only by a whisker, its position as the rock of Indian politics is already lost. Mr Rao is viewed as a lame duck prime minister who almost certainly will not lead the party into the next election. So intense is internal dissent that Congress could split before then.

The right-wing Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which came to prominence by playing on Hindu sentiment, should outperform Congress at the next election. Even so, it is unlikely to win outright.

The BJP has 119 seats in the 544-seat Lok Sabha (lower house); Congress has 251. The BJP is strong in important north Indian states, which have the lion's share of parliamentary constituencies. Congress has practically been wiped out in the north.

There are three faces of the BJP: the xenophobic Hindu fanatic, the liberal-sounding intellectual, and the grass-roots Hindu who thinks Muslims have been appeased too long. The religious and secular wings are battling for control of the organisation. Like Congress, it is divided and undisciplined.

The BJP was taken aback that the no-confidence motion, which essentially accused the government of incompetence, might succeed. It wanted to shake the government, not topple it, since the party is not financially or politically ready for a general election.

Congress is anxious to push through a crucial piece of legislation intended to restrain the BJP by making it illegal to use religious symbols in politics. Religion is the BJP's main political gimmick; its rallies can look like scenes from *Mahabharata*, the Indian epic.

The ruling party is also seeking a leader more inspiring than Mr Rao, who is pilloried by almost every cartoonist as inconsequential.

Asean nations set up security forum

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN SINGAPORE

SOUTH-East Asian countries have taken their first steps towards establishing a regional security organisation. The response to the end of the Cold War came at the three-day annual meeting of the Association of South East Asian Nations (Asean), held with their main trading partners and allies, which ended in Singapore yesterday.

The keynote of the new Asean regional forum is preventive diplomacy, defusing volatile situations in the Pacific rim countries, such as the concern over North Korea's nuclear ambitions or human rights abuses in Burma, before they arise. Officials said the forum would cover a full range of security issues, from arms transfers and notification of military exercises and procurements to refugee and labour movements.

It will hold its first formal session in Bangkok next year, following the meeting of the Asean group, comprising Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

Gareth Evans, the Australian foreign minister, summing up the session, said: "There was a lot of substantive discussion on issues like what the region was going to look like in 10 or 15 years time and what people's perceptions were on the possibility of a sense of community evolving."

Wong Kan Seng, Singapore's foreign minister, said: "We don't have a masterplan or road map, and we don't want to force the pace, but we hope that this modest beginning will help promote peace and security in the region."

During talks between the Asean states, their trading partners — America, Japan, Canada, the European Community, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand — and invited guests, such as Russia, Laos, Vietnam, Papua New Guinea and China, Mr Qian Qichen, the Chinese foreign minister, told delegates that Peking would never seek to dominate Asia. On the disputed Spratly Islands in the South China Sea, which China has claimed, Mr Qian renewed an offer to develop the possibly oil-rich islands, while shelving the question of sovereignty.

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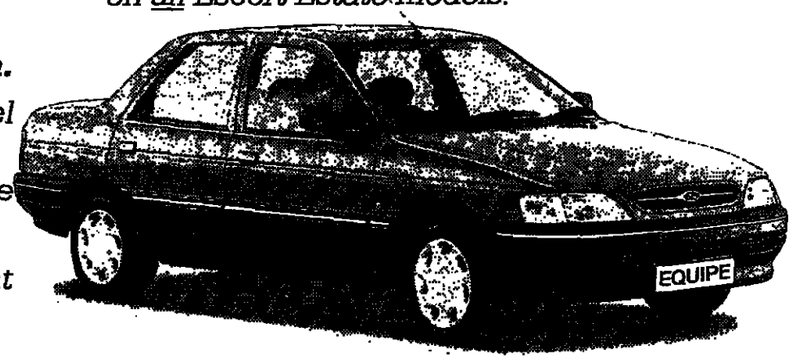

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Hezbollah remnant defies Israel's bombing frenzy

FROM ALI JABER IN NABATIYEH SOUTH LEBANON

■ About 200,000 refugees have fled their homes in southern Lebanon, lending substance to claims that Israel's aim is to destabilise the country

BOMBARDMENT by Israel as part of its campaign to depopulate south Lebanon has reduced many areas of this Shia town to rubble and twisted metal. Yesterday a few minutes' lull in the attacks allowed rescue workers, helped by journalists, to look for victims.

Only a few homes in what is the largest population centre in south Lebanon have been left unscarred. The rest have been destroyed by the Israeli air and ground shelling.

Before the Israeli air force went on a bombing frenzy against Nabatiyeh, about 20 miles south of Beirut, most of its 100,000 residents had already fled to the capital and other safer areas in the north. Throughout the shelling leaflets have been dropped from the air warning them against staying. Despite calls by the government for the southerners to remain in their homes, security sources put the influx of refugees into Beirut at about 200,000.

So far at least 75 of those who defied the israeli warning and remained in Nabatiyeh have been killed and more than 260 others wounded in 82 air raids and relentless ground shelling. The few who still remain huddle under fallen masonry and in the corners of what few buildings still stand.

"Where can we go from here, where can we go?," an old man wailed as he walked the rubble-littered floor of his bombed-out home. The thud of approaching explosions punctuated his words.

Other southerners, too, remained steadfast in their homes. Their usual village-like kindness and spontaneity have given way to a bitter and diehard tone. "We are staying here. We will slaughter them with out bare hands if they dare approach," said Umm Hussein, 50, a woman who lost two of her sons in earlier battles with the Israelis.

A relief convoy that managed to slip through the belt of fire surrounding Nabatiyeh could not find anyone to give the aid to. "Go back from where you came from, there are hardly three men here to receive your help," Hussein Awaly, a television cameraman, shouted at one of the relief drivers. Mr Awaly and his crew are in the town's only first-aid centre.

Dr Muhammad Murad, the head of the centre, said he was referring all victims to hospitals in Sidon, ten miles to the north. "But for the past 24 hours we have been unable to move an inch outside the centre. We are under constant air and artillery raids. We are now stuck with ten corpses and seven wounded. We have neither the proper medication nor enough fuel," he said.

That the dozens of Hezbollah guerrillas toting machineguns and rocket-propelled grenades are by no means a match for their opponents is clear. But it is equally apparent that the fear of incurring casualties is behind Israel's reluctance to execute its threat to move in ground troops.

"We scare them because we are ready to die and they are not," said Muhammad Mukdad, 20, a Hezbollah guerrilla who was manning a position on the outskirts of the town, no more that a stone's throw from the Israeli lines. To prove it, he dared journalists taking cover by a fallen wall to step out with him into the middle of the street. Israeli jets screeched overhead as he spoke, dropping bombs and flares.

The Israeli campaign against Hezbollah seems to have fallen short of taking out the pro-Iranian Shia Muslim group. "We do not have military bases or positions in the south," Shaikh Muhammad Kawook, a Hezbollah chief, said. "We are a popular resistance organisation and our fighters are located behind every wall and under every rock," he added, as he clutched a machinegun and wrapped its bullets round his wrist.

Nabatiyeh is not the only Shia town to fall victim to the Israeli onslaught. Residents of the harbour cities of Tyre and Sidon and about 52 other villages north of Israel's self-proclaimed security zone in south Lebanon have also been notified to evacuate their homes immediately.

A stream of cars carrying hundreds of thousands of southerners has been jamming the highways for the past two days. Endless lines of cars, trucks and vans stuffed with men, women and children block the way south for relief convoys and army vehicles.

Probably the heaviest bill of the Israeli war has been received by the Lebanese government, which has just started a desperate drive to consolidate stability in the country and a reconstruction campaign.

According to Lebanese government officials in Beirut, behind Israel's drive to push rocket-launchers beyond range of its northern border lies a more dangerous intention to destabilise the country. "By depopulating the south, they would be confusing the Lebanese government, who would never be able to absorb the refugees," said Nuhad Mashnouk, a political advisor to Rafik Hariri, the prime minister.

"This will jeopardise our reconstruction plans and threaten our internal peace," he added. Mr Mashnouk said the ultimate purpose of the Israeli attacks was to eliminate what was left of Lebanon's chances for survival.

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UN warning after Rabin vows to step up assault

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

YITZHAK Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, yesterday pledged to continue his four-day bombing blitz in southern Lebanon as tens of thousands of civilians joined the swelling ranks of the refugee exodus to the north.

Within hours of his declaration Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations secretary-general, criticised Israel for pursuing a policy of displacing the civilian inhabitants of villages and towns in southern Lebanon.

"Given the evolution of the situation in Lebanon as well as the historic background of the Middle East conflict, it is deplorable that any government would consciously adopt policies that would lead to the creation of new flows of refugees and displaced persons," Dr Boutros Ghali said.

As more Katyusha rockets rained down on northern Israel, Mr Rabin spoke at a special Knesset debate on the effects of the heaviest Israeli bombing campaign for more than a decade. Israeli sources said the Katyushas were fired shortly after the end of a two-and-a-half hour ceasefire announced by Israel to allow trapped residents to escape the southern market town of Nabatiyeh and about seven villages.

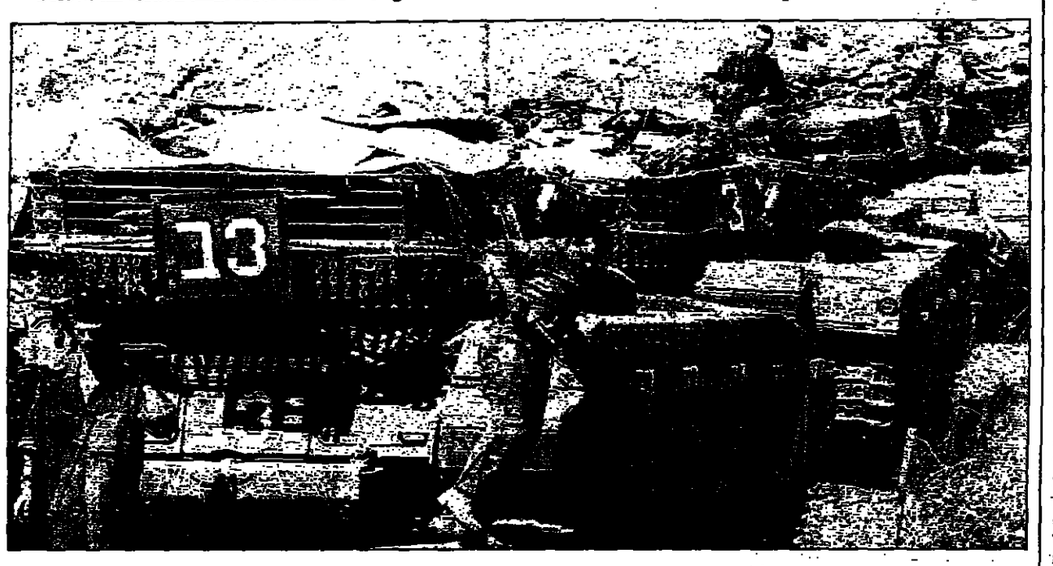
Minutes after the rockets were fired, Israeli planes swooped on Nabatiyeh in what residents said was the day's eleventh air strike. They said three people were killed and 20 were wounded earlier by the air raids and artillery bombardments.

The Israeli prime minister said he regretted the suffering he was causing, but insisted that the air, artillery and sea bombardment would go on until Shia Muslim guerrillas stopped fighting.

"We are steadfast in our decision to continue to act to achieve our aims," Mr Rabin said, reiterating his conviction that the estimated 200,000 refugees would pressure the Lebanese authorities and the Syrian government to put an end to Hezbollah's attacks on Israel. He declared: "We will continue this action until we achieve this purpose of ours, whether militarily or whether by a military and political combination."

According to witnesses, some of the heaviest hit villages were practically razed by the shelling. At Siddiqine, a rural hamlet east of Tyre, where Hezbollah was known to have a presence, most of the houses were flattened or left uninhabitable. "They are hitting at houses and civilians like they never did before," said one villager waiting to join the flood of refugees to Beirut.

Others villagers were less fortunate. At Qalqilya a rocket fired by an Israeli helicopter gunship was reported to have crashed through two stories and exploded in a bomb shelter, killing one person and wounding 12. Five others were listed as missing, presumed dead.



Frontier conflict: Lebanese troops, above, preparing to defend the market town of Nabatiyeh yesterday as, below, an Israeli tank force masses along the border to mount another attack on suspected Hezbollah targets

However, the scenes shown on Israeli television of the effects of the 13,000 heavy artillery shells fired into Lebanon, where hundreds of homes have been damaged or destroyed and 70 people have been killed and 415 wounded, provoked angry responses from Arab and left-wing Israeli parliamentarians. Abdul Darawshe, leader of the Arab Democratic party, was ordered out of the chamber when he accused Mr Rabin of having "blood on your hands" and of attempting the "extermination of a nation". Nevertheless, at an earlier cabinet meeting of the left-wing coalition government, ministers were reported to have expressed "great satisfaction" on the results of the four-day offensive. The Israeli shelled more than 70 villages and towns in the areas around the coastal port of Tyre, Nabatiyeh, the Bekaa valley town of Mashghara and the Hezbollah stronghold on the Iqlim al-Toufah, a mountain range southwest of Beirut. Last night Hezbollah vowed to continue its attacks on Israel's northern settlements, and an estimated 30 Soviet-made Katyushas landed in western and northern Galilee, slightly wounding two women.

Trauma of 1982 recalled

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

WHEN a young Israeli army conscript on a frontline position in southern Lebanon boasted this week that he was eager to fight it out with Hezbollah gunmen and not "miss out on the fun", veteran comrades in his combat unit shook their heads in disbelief.

However seductive the gently rolling hills of southern Lebanon might appear to a newcomer, for most Israelis the view across their northern border evokes only memories of fear and loathing for a country commonly known as "the trauma".

It is not just that the Shia Muslim guerrillas fighting Israeli forces have shown themselves to be motivated, well-trained and courageous in battle, but also that Israel is haunted by the memories of its northern neighbour becoming a quagmire from which invading armies never return in glory.

It is no coincidence that the Israeli Defence Force has limited its operations so far to artillery, air and sea attacks on suspected guerrilla areas resulting in the death of dozens and mass displacement of hundreds of thousands of southern villagers. The decision not to use ground forces was an attempt to reassure the public that, for the time being at least, that there would be no repetition of the 1982 mass invasion which left 650 Israeli soldiers and thousands of Lebanese and Palestinians dead.

While the Shia Muslims had once been ambivalent towards Israel, its prolonged military occupation of the Shia southern heartland ignited a resistance movement, marked in particular by devastating suicide car-bomb attacks against Israeli troops.

AMERICA IN BRIEF

Selection of riot trial jury begins

New York: Jury selection has begun as the trial opens in Los Angeles of two black men accused of attempting to murder a white lorry driver, Reginald Denny, at the height of last year's violence (Ben Macintyre writes).

Mr Denny, now 37, was repeatedly assaulted as he lay on the ground, an attack which left him in a coma with more than 90 broken bones.

Like the 1991 beating of Rodney King by four white police officers, whose acquittal by a state jury prompted the riots, the attack on Mr Denny was captured on video. Damian "Football" Williams, 20, and Henry "Kiki" Watson, 28, are also accused of various other riot-related crimes.

Aborigine payout

Sydney: The widow and son of David Gundy, an Aborigine who was shot dead by eight paramilitary police in a raid on his house in 1989, were awarded compensation of $Aus700,000 (£318,000). The officers of the special weapons and operations squad said they were searching for another Aborigine, suspected of shooting two policemen a few days earlier in New South Wales, and Gundy struggled with them. *(Reuter)*

Truce broken

Moscow: Georgia and its rebel province of Abkhazia have accused each other of breaking a ceasefire almost as soon as it took effect. The accusations dashed hopes that the Russian-brokered truce could end the war. *(Reuter)*

Aids boom

Bulawayo: Aids-related diseases are the main cause of death in this Zimbabwe's second biggest city, a health services report said. It said children under five and adults aged 20 to 40 were the most affected by HIV. *(AFP)*

Troop drive

Bangkok: The Khmer Rouge, which has increased attacks since being denied a role in running Cambodia, is recruiting fresh troops, a Thai military official said. Another speculated that it was preparing to take over positions after UN troops leave. *(Reuter)*

Party launched

Blantyre: Tim Mangwazu, 59, Malawi's former ambassador to Washington and the United Nations, is to launch the Malawi National Democratic Party, the country's sixth registered party since a referendum rejected one-party rule last month. *(AFP)*

Babies for sale

Peking: A Chinese farmer was arrested for running a baby "factory" from his home for seven years, forcing his wife and three teenage daughters to have sex with clients to bear them sons, the *Information Daily* reported. They had 17 babies. *(AFP)*

Keen to work

Cagliari: More than 18,600 recent high school and college graduates answered a call to fill 62 state jobs on Sardinia. Officials in Cagliari said only one out of every 300 people who took the required exam would get a job. *(Reuter)*

Pane anguish

Jakarta: A Jakarta police chief who found eight out of 12 policemen on guard duty asleep was taken to hospital with arm injuries after he lost his temper and smashed the windows. *(Reuter)*

Grim-faced Muslims braced for carve-up

FROM EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT, IN GENEVA

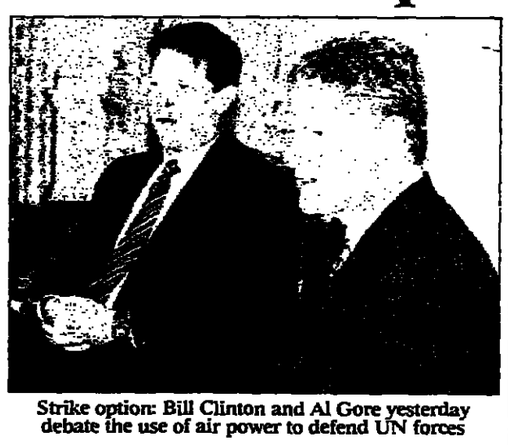
IF LOOKS could kill, the Muslims might have won the Bosnian war. As Serb, Croat and Muslim leaders met face to face for a second day in Geneva yesterday, the peace negotiators, Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg, were trying to bind all sides to a vow of silence about the talks.

But judging by the expressions on the faces of the protagonists, and from slivers of information emerging from the delegations, the signs are that the Muslims are slowly acceding to the Serb-Croat plan for a division of Bosnia along ethnic lines.

Alija Izetbegovic, the Bosnian president and Muslim leader, looked bleak as he arrived for yesterday's session at the Palais des Nations. His bitter enemy, Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, smiled broadly. Bodyguards and drivers for Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, slapped backs and chatted openly.

Mr Izetbegovic and Dr Karadzic have sat at separate tables during the talks, sources close to negotiations said, but they have reportedly talked to one another.

The Balkan leaders agonised over maps yesterday. Dribbles of information from the negotiations suggested that Mr Izetbegovic withdrew an offer to hand the besieged towns of Gorazde and Srebrenica to the Serbs. The Bosnian president is said to have made the offer on Tuesday evening, but backtracked yesterday after a blistering telephone conversation with Ejup Ganic, his deputy, who objected strongly. Mr Ganic has remained in Sarajevo and has the army behind him.



Strike option: Bill Clinton and Al Gore yesterday debate the use of air power to defend UN forces

Yesterday's talks involved Presidents Milosevic of Serbia and Tudjman of Croatia, Mate Boban, the Bosnian Croat leader, and Mr Izetbegovic. All sides agree that this is probably the last chance for a negotiated settlement. The alternative is likely to be a sporadic war lasting for years.

Dr Karadzic said there were two ways forward. "One way is through talks, the other is a total destruction of one side, and that would be the Muslim side. They should agree, because what they can get around the table they cannot get through fighting."

Croats at the talks were last night said to be infuriated by the Serbs. A source close to the Croat delegation accused the Serbs of doing a deal with the Muslims at the expense of the Croats. This would reportedly give the Muslims land currently held by the Croats, with the Muslims abandoning Gorazde and Srebrenica to the Serbs.

Mr Ganic told an Arab-language newspaper in Sarajevo that Muslims should have formed an alliance with the Serbs against the Croats at the start of the war. A Muslim alliance with Croat forces crumbled several weeks ago.

Any plan to give Croat-held land to Muslims would probably enrage Zagreb and make negotiations over the Serb-held Krajina area of Croatia very difficult. The move, if true, would explain why Dr Karadzic yesterday accused Germany, the Croats' old ally, of wanting to prolong the war.

The delegation leaders were last night meeting alone after Lord Owen and Mr Stoltenberg left the Geneva talks along with interpreters. John Mills, Lord Owen's spokesman, said: "The talks will be going into a third day. There are no interpreters there now. They are speaking the same language, Bosnian, Serbian and Croatian."

US curbs threaten Trident

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE Clinton administration is soon to announce a plan that could halt Britain's production of fissile materials for nuclear weapons, having stopped Britain testing the weapons in Nevada.

The plan will call for a world ban on the production of enriched uranium and plutonium for military purposes as a means of preventing the spread of nuclear weapons to dangerous and unstable countries.

The United States and Russia have big stocks of those materials after dismantling many of their nuclear weapons, but Britain has yet to produce enough for its Trident missiles. France is developing two new nuclear warheads and China and India may also be reluctant to close their production facilities.

Whether Britain will agree to the plan depends on whether it can first complete the Trident programme. "The question is on the timing of the ban," said a British official, who was confident that Washington would accommodate Britain's concerns. "There are a number of countries not yet in a position to agree to an immediate ban."

The ban would not affect the production of enriched fuels for nuclear power plants by West European allies and Japan, provided it was subject to international inspection. But some officials are unhappy about Britain's new Thorp nuclear reprocessing plant. It will reprocess fuels from other nations, substantially increasing world supplies and boosting the chances that they will be diverted from civilian use.

French defy history in battle over franc

Whatever the Bundesbank's rate cut, drip-feeding the French economy is not likely to give it the boost it needs, Lawrence Freedman writes

All eyes today are on the Bundesbank and an anticipated cut in its main Lombard rate: 0.25 per cent and the exchange rate mechanism collapses; 0.5 per cent and it is touch and go; 0.75 per cent and things calm down; 1.0 per cent and it is relief all round — until the next crisis.

The Bundesbank risks losing its disciplinarian reputation, so sending the mark into a precipitate fall before inflationary pressures have abated. Yet if the French cling to the ERM through a drip-feed of German interest-rate cuts then their economy is unlikely to get the dramatic boost it so desperately needs.

Most financial commentators clearly find this state of affairs baffling. Having spent last year watching a British government staking its prestige on sustaining an exchange rate which the markets recognised made little economic sense, it seems astonishing that the French government should make the same mistake.

However, a purely economic analysis misses the point of French policy. This is still shaped by the presumption that unruly economic forces can be tamed by a determined political will. Paris is dismayed at the prospect of losing a battle with the financial markets and the "speculators" who always loom large in official demonology at times like this.

At stake is not only the years of effort put into establishing the franc as a strong and reliable currency, but the centrepiece of France's European policy. Clinging to the ERM is a way of keeping alive the notion of monetary union. That, in turn, is the main motor left for political union which, in French geopolitical thinking, is the only way to avoid an unfettered Germany following its own path.

It was alarm at the implications of a united Germany that prompted the French to set in motion the process that led to Maastricht. However, the very conditions which made German unification inevitable made European unification so much more difficult. The Community had been able to reach its current level of integration only as a result of the extraordinary political stability of the Cold War years.

The Bundesbank was, in fact, one of the first leading European institutions to find its traditional role compromised by the collapse of European communism. In early 1990 the urgent need to prop up the East's economy led to the Bundesbank's advice on monetary union between the two Germanies being disregarded.

Here were sown the seeds of the ERM crisis and today's situation in which a central bank, held up as a model of independence, finds itself responsible for the future of the ERM, the French government and one version of the European dream. However, the crisis in the exchange rate mechanism was aggravated by the French refusal to accept a revaluation of the mark, so making a fetish of rigidly stable exchange rates. The Bundesbank has felt obliged to help France.

How long the Bundesbank can play this game while still meeting its responsibilities is hard to see. There could still be pressure to raise rather than reduce interest rates if inflation takes off again, the mark drops, public spending stays too high, or more shocks comes from the east, perhaps in the form of further disarray in Russia.

The political fluidity of post-Cold War Europe will continue to confound efforts to forge closer union. France has seen its hopes of a common defence and foreign policy, independent of the United States, undermined in the Gulf and then mocked in the Balkans.

It remains bound to an agricultural policy that is no longer shared by most of its partners. Clinging to fixed exchange rates when others have accepted the need for adjustment reflects the same pattern.

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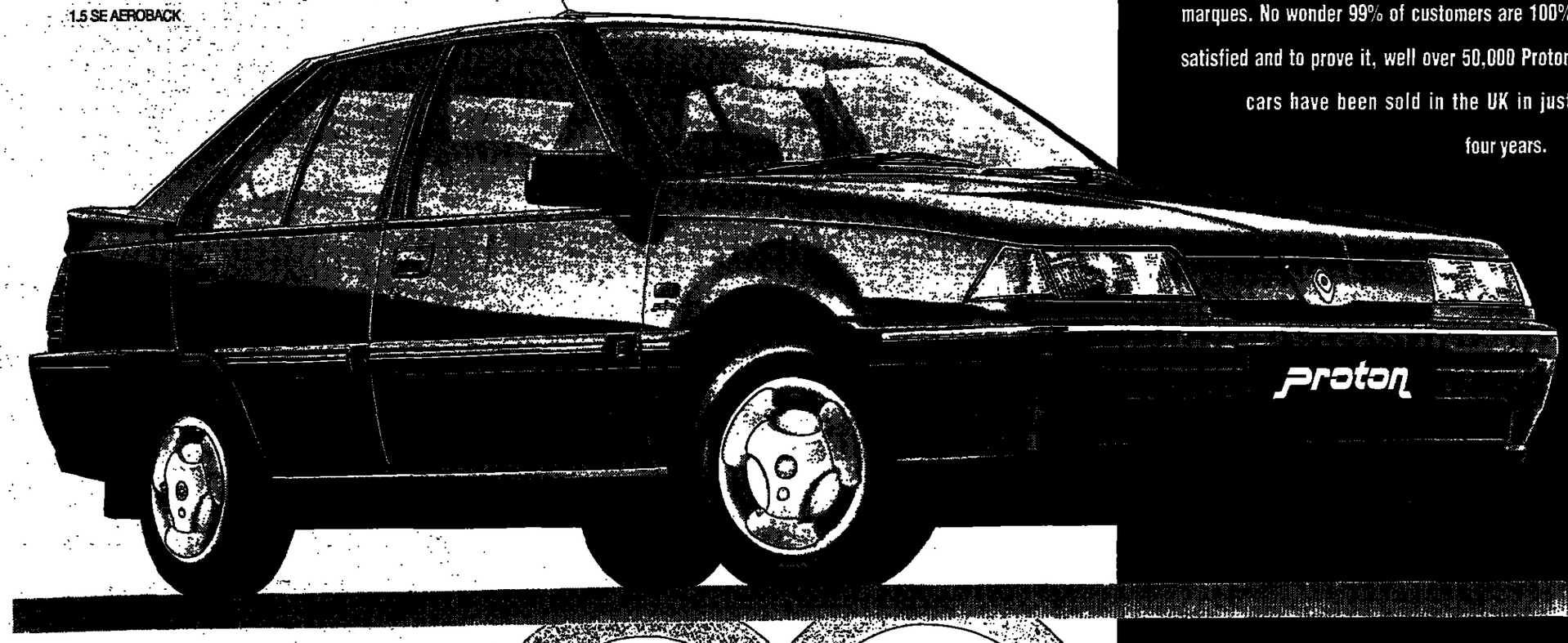

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Where Tories once roamed

IT IS July 29. The end of the century — and of the millennium — is less than seven years away. It is 100,001,993 AD.

Archaeologists are excavating in a series of digs across a high, land-locked plateau in North Central Euramerasia. Here, by some chalky downs, lies a shallow depression which they believe once formed a narrow ocean channel between the ancient continent of Europe and a large offshore island.

The climate here was once temperate, they argue: a cool, rainy place, green and extensively cultivated. That was before the 1,000-year period of global cooling which occurred in the 21st century, causing a massive drop in the sea level, and apparently catching the ancient civilisation settled in Europe completely by surprise. They seemed to be expecting the opposite. They were, as we know, almost wiped out by the thickening of the ozone layer which followed, screening out the vital ultra-violet rays upon which most vegetation depended, and which the human skin required at that time as a source of vitamin D. Five centuries of rickets all but destroyed the poorer "nations".

MATTHEW PARRIS

But the period scientists are researching, almost exactly 100 million years ago, came just before these great seizures. Artefacts recovered suggest it was a turbulent time, filled with migrations and wars, but not without optimism for the future. Little did they know what the future held.

"England" (for that was what they named the part of the island where the archaeologists are now digging) was almost certainly extensively settled by an advanced and fairly numerous tribe. Along the edge of the shallow depression lay a string of small and large urban settlements. Each had a name: 'Dover', 'Portsmouth' — and the latest to be discovered: "Christchurch".

And it is here, upon the site of that ancient place, that one of the most remarkable applications of DNA enhancement yet to be successfully engineered has taken place. Parts of a monster have been convincingly reconstructed.

Readers will know all about it. Combing through the results of their latest dig, students noticed, caught in a piece of amber, and perfectly preserved, a mosquito. Apparently it had thrived during the warm weeks of mid-summer on the blood it had sucked from parts of a strange organism.

Incredible though it may seem, science has been able to recreate, from the DNA contained in tiny specimens of that dried blood, bits and pieces of a prehistoric monster, long extinguished from the earth, whose entire existence had been until now only a matter of speculation. It was called "The Conservative Party".

The complete monster is still a long way from being reconstructed, but the likelihood is that it was very ugly. So far all we have are elements of the beast. It seems that these included what was called a "parliamentary candidate", kept close to the chest, rather as kangaroos used to keep their joeys. As outriders to the beast, however, and responsible for caring for the "candidate" were an array of "chairmen", "agents", "canvassers" and something called a "minder".

It is not at all clear whether this monster lived in Christchurch, or whether it was just visiting. It is not clear, either, whether whether it was just one specimen of an entire species. What is beyond doubt is that the beast was once an exceedingly common sight all over the South of England, and that it came to grief in Christchurch.

WHAT KILLED so powerful a creature? Research and analysis are still at an early stage, but it does seem that the organism had become clumsy, and lost flexibility, being better adapted to an earlier period. One theory is that it was outsmarted by smaller dactylic creatures, airborne and swift to strike, called Liberal Democrats.

The great beast probably suffered from what had killed off so many of the "dinosaurs" 100 million years before: a brain which was too small and which had become too far removed from the nerves and sensory organs of the beast, resulting in an acceptable time lag between stimulus and reaction.

Science moves on. It is altogether possible that we shall soon be able to reconstruct an entire Conservative Party, just as it lived and breathed and walked the earth in 1993. But there arises the most awkward question of scientific ethics. *Do we want to?*

Alice Thomson finds a Lib Dem candidate taking care not to blow her chances

'She's great at doing the walkabouts — but she's not so hot on the quotes'

DES JENSON

Still fragrant: Diana Maddock may not have fathomed her party's policy, but she knows it off by heart

As he strode down a sodden high street in Christchurch, Paddy Ashdown was in full battle cry. Spying what seems a rare phenomenon in East Dorset, a black man with a white walking stick, he sprinted after him and hauled him back for a photo opportunity with his Liberal Democrat candidate Diana Maddock. "Take his arm, Diana," he ordered. "And don't smile until the lights go off. You look fresher that way."

Next we trooped into a bakery and he started squeezing buns. "Not very hygienic," a woman tutted. Another asked Mrs Maddock whether she would save the Lebanese refugees. She managed a preliminary gosh, then Mr Ashdown was there with the answer. "As a military man . . ." he began. "She's not got much bust," muttered one retired gentleman. Molly Doherty from Canadian television was kinder. "She seems very able at walkabout but she doesn't give great quotes."

Standing as a by-election candidate is the nearest thing to masochism that British politics permits in public. First you have to have a blameless past. If the Christchurch residents discovered you had cheated your granny out of her inheritance, that would be it. Then you are mauled by bored journalists every morning for a month at the press conferences.

The rewards are slight. As a Tory you are certain to be blamed by Conservative Central Office when you fail. As a Liberal Democrat, you may have your moment of glory but the electorate will probably dump you at the next general election.

Realising you are likely to lose is depressing but when, like Mrs Maddock, you are riding dizzyingly high in the opinion polls, it is even more terrifying.

With time on their hands the elderly members of Christchurch (more than half the electorate are over 55) are studying the leaflets as hard as the tea menus.

But after six weeks of 8.00am conferences Mrs Maddock is still looking extraordinarily fragrant. Unlike John Major she hasn't had to resort to the B-word. Any tricky questions such as how the Liberal Democrats are going to finance all their proposals is left to Mr Ashdown. She concentrates on a story about a pensioner who came to the door without her false teeth and apologised that her gums were so sore she couldn't put them in. She could no longer afford to go to the dentist, she said. As Mrs Maddock gives a dazzling smile it is obvious that she can afford some rather good bridgework but knows that her voters are dentally challenged.

Next we proceeded to a hall on one of the constituency's two council estates. Mrs Maddock chats but is careful not to kiss the lone baby or discuss single mothers, as a smattering of the elderly voters look the types who think all single mothers "did it" on purpose. Instead she concentrates on her rallying words: Honesty, Fairness and Commonsense.

Then it is time for the High Street: an extraordinary palaver which involves her young red-haired and rugby-shirted minders rushing into shops and sniffing out potential Lib Dem voters. Robert Heywood, the Tory candidate had infuriated one blue-rinsed lady when he took the photographers into a hairdressers. "How dare you photograph me in curlers," she fumed. Mrs Maddock wisely avoided Hi-Lites coiffeurs, saying, "Hairdressing is a very personal experience".

As more and more warm, dry hands were thrust towards her, Mrs Maddock's confidence grew. She wondered whether they felt safe in their beds knowing that most had read about the youth who had got life for stamping on a granny's skull, and she asks them to sign her petition for more bobbies on the street — which goes down like a nice cup of cocoa. Does she believe in euthanasia? "Goodness of course not."

Following Mrs Maddock's maroon BMW around the woods in between the runner-bean poles and the rhododendrons, one begins to wonder whether the Liberal Democrats have discovered an infallible tool. She may not have fathomed her party's policy, but she has learnt it by rote. The only local candidate, she constantly talks about being a mother of two teenage daughters, a teacher and a concerned councillor in Southampton, before explaining that her parents divorced at ten and she knows the benefits of two-parent families.

She is a spruce dresser who knows how to balance a tea cup and plate of sandwiches on her lap. "They call me the steely-coiffed granny," she laughs and Christchurch immediately feels empathy.

At the headquarters we settle down for an interview with her minder who is playing on the computer and the only sign that she is nervous is the way that she gently fiddles with her tights. "I'm really enjoying myself. This campaign has been such a challenge," she says. We cannot talk about her husband, a computer engineer and her children because she says they would be furious. Is there anything she passionately wants to change if she gets to Westminster? "I have a record of efficiency and I would like to see a less corrupt system."

Within half an hour she is whisked off to a sort of political Tupperware tea party with a nice Miss Brewster who has issued invitations to 25 of her friends in the genteel area of Ferndown. As we sit eating Garibaldi biscuits from a cut glass dish, Mrs Maddock preaches to the newly converted. She tells the dentist story and it goes down beautifully. Then a colonel rises slowly for the sofa and asks the trickiest question so far. "Why should we let the darkies in?" There is a hushed moment before a sprightly old schoolteacher shrills, "That's a disgraceful comment." And a relieved Mrs Maddock says, "I'll just leave them to fight it out for themselves."

More than 1,000 people pack into her final rally in a school hall and the beaming Liberal Democrats have every right to be proud of their slick operation. As waves of women rise to cheer her, a journalist passes a note. "This woman has had a personality bypass." Mrs Maddock may make a perfect by-election candidate and a worthy teacher, but she is unlikely to divert the Thames to clean Westminster's Augean stables.

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The Vandals return

The church of St John Lateran in Rome is a target once again

Few buildings have the dubious distinction of having been ruined by the Vandals during the sack of Rome in AD455, but one of them is St John Lateran, the most venerable of all Roman churches. For 17 centuries the popes have proclaimed it the "Mother and Head of all churches in the City and the World". The interior and the north portico sustained severe bomb damage on Tuesday night, while the Lateran Palace was also hit.

In Britain, only Westminster Abbey has a symbolic resonance comparable to that of St John Lateran: but when Edward the Confessor founded the Abbey, the Lateran church and palace were already ancient monuments. Seat of five general councils between 1123 and 1512, St John Lateran, not St Peter's, is the cathedral of Rome. Until 1870 the popes were crowned there.

The blast has damaged many artefacts in the transepts, built by Giovanni della Porta in the 1590s. At the centre of the transept is the papal altar, reserved for the pope himself. It contains relics of the kind that often excite derision from non-Catholics: the heads of the apostles Peter and Paul, and St Peter's wooden altar.

Indeed, the piazza in which the bomb exploded is surrounded by perhaps the highest concentration of Christian relics in the world. Among the remains of the ancient Lateran palace is the Scala Santa, the 28 steps of Tyrian marble which have been worn down over the centuries by pilgrims ascending on their knees. According to tradition, it was originally Pontius Pilate's staircase, descended by Christ on his way to the Crucifixion.

The steps lead to the Sancta Sanctorum, the 13th century private chapel of the popes and shrine of the Acheiropoeton, or "picture made without hands": a wooden portrait of Christ said to have been begun by St Luke with the help of an angel.

Province of popes: St John Lateran in 1850

The name Lateran derives from the patrician family of Plautius Lateranus, executed by Nero. Their estate was later given by the first Christian emperor, Constantine, to St Melchiades, pope in AD311-14. He built Rome's first cathedral there and a palace for his own use. Restored by Pope Leo the Great in the fifth century, it was devastated by an earthquake in AD896 but immediately repaired.

The medieval popes brought St John Lateran to the pinnacle of its glory. The mighty Innocent III summoned the Fourth Lateran Council in 1215, which codified Catholic doctrine and ritual for the next four centuries. Around 1290, Pope Nicholas IV extended the church. Dante wrote enthusiastically about it when, in 1300, St Boniface VIII proclaimed the first Holy Year from the loggia, inviting pilgrims to visit Rome. The Porta Santa, or holy door, on the right of the main facade is opened only in Holy Years, every 25 years.

In 1308, a fire destroyed much of the church and the palace, and the popes moved to Avignon. The church was rebuilt immediately, with frescoes by Giotto. Petrarch bewailed another fire in 1360, but the church was rebuilt by Giovanni di Stefano. When the popes ended their Avignon exile in 1377, they made the Vatican rather than the Lateran their main residence.

Despite this loss of prestige, the basilica was enlarged and decorated between the 15th and 17th centuries, latterly by the great Roman baroque architect Borromini. Finally, the principal east façade was added in 1734 by Alessandro Galilei.

This, then, is a true palimpsest of piety: a phoenix that has risen from the flames at least thrice before. Pope John Paul II would not dream of leaving it a ruin, as the Church of England seems inclined to do in the case of St Ethelburga's. But "cultural terrorism" elicits deep forebodings. The ancient Vandals had difficulty demolishing structures as sturdy as St John Lateran; their successors are incomparably more destructive.

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Confusion over mad-cow disease ... help for children who cannot smile ... and for hoarse voices

Sausages still on the menu

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

DR JAMES Ironside's family continues to enjoy sausages and mash. If the doctor, a consultant neuropathologist at the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh, doesn't join in this simple pleasure, it is because he has never liked sausages, beef or pork. It is not that he has a fear that the infective agent of the transmissible spongiform encephalopathies, whatever it is, can make the leap from cattle to humans.

As Dr Ironside is one of the country's leading authorities on BSE, bovine spongiform encephalopathy, more usually known as mad-cow disease, his family's supper menu is reassuring to all those who worry less the disease is capable of infecting people and causing its human equivalent Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD), or its lesser known variant, the Gerstmann-Straussler syndrome. CJD is a particularly distressing and eventually fatal form of progressive dementia and paralysis.

April is the year end for the National Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease surveillance unit, with which Dr Ironside works, and at first sight its latest statistics are disturbing. The number of recorded cases of CJD is higher than at any time since records began. The number has increased from 32 in 1990/1, to 37 in 1991/2 and 48 in 1992/3. Neither these figures, nor any statement made by the surveillance unit, merit this week's headlines, one of which said "Rise in human brain disease cases not connected to BSE". What the research workers had actually said was that there was no evidence from the statistics that there was a connection. This is very different, in scientific parlance, from saying that there is not one.

Dr Ironside's sang-froid at his table is in part based on comparable studies in other countries. It had already been noticed, in France and Chile for instance, that as soon as more careful records are kept, and public and medical interest is aroused, the number of cases of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease shows an apparent increase. This awareness has meant that cases which would have previously been misdiagnosed as Alzheimer's are now correctly reported as being due to CJD.

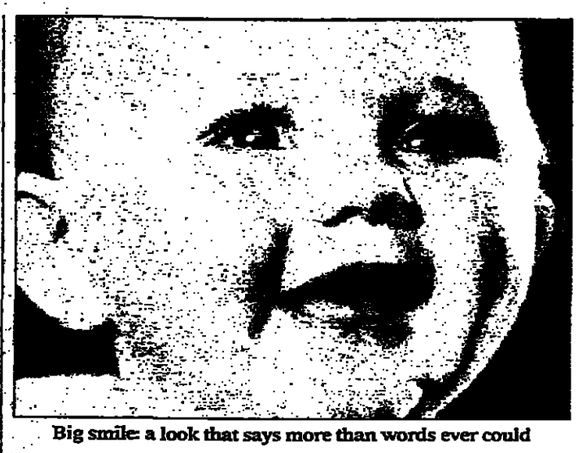
Dr Ironside has also been reassured by his studies of the British figures since 1970. He has found that the number of cases has waxed and waned over this period, although the previous peak, in 1985, was 30.

The surveillance team's interest in the patients' food has not been confined to sausages. It has analysed the patients' diets over many years, for the disease can have an incubation period of up to 20 years. The doctors have found no connection with the eating of beef, or of offal, tripe or brains.

Scrutiny of the statistics of those who had tried haggis and black pudding has, after initial anxiety, acquitted these delicacies. At one time it appeared that black-pudding eaters were more likely to develope CJD, but it then transpired that this was a statistical fluke for there was no dose related to affect. The number of times that the patient had eaten either haggis or black pudding was not related to the likelihood of them developing the disease. Previous research had already shown that spongiform encephalopathies were more likely to be transmitted by nervous tissue than blood.

In Dr Ironside's opinion, these statistics allow no room for complacency. If anything they reinforce the need for continuing surveillance, in view of the long incubation period.

It will be many years before it will be possible to substantiate a headline which says that CJD is not connected to BSE. Therefore, it will be a long time before many of us can again enjoy beef sausages with the same relish as John Gummer's daughter eats hamburgers.



Big smile: a look that says more than words ever could

Happy families

IT IS not necessary to read Dr Desmond Morris's books on human behaviour to understand the significance of smiling.

The smile is as important to humans as wagging the tail is to dogs. One of the minor problems, for instance, of racial integration is that the frequency and the way in which people smile varies in different cultures. Hence, the reason why immigrants from some countries may appear surly and unresponsive when, in fact, their expressions are not necessarily of unfriendliness, but are merely reflecting a national trait. It takes time for them to acquire an understanding of the standard British social rules of when to smile.

Pity therefore the baby who is born with a distorted smile. Every year, up to 50 children are born with a permanent facial palsy on one side of their face, a congenital Bell's Palsy. When these children are small they smile spontaneously but they soon learn that the palsy twists what in other children would be an endearing smile into a repelling grimace. They therefore teach themselves neither to smile nor laugh when others are present. The effect on their psyche of this rejection of their smiling advances must be immense.

Since 1980, Douglas Harrison, a consulant plastic surgeon at Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood, northwest London, and his colleagues have been working on a procedure which will correct these children's social weakness.

The surgeons take a muscle, together with its blood and nerve supply, from the child's armpit and, using microsurgical techniques, implant it into the affected side of the face. So that the implanted muscle may respond to a motion and excite empathy with parents and other children, and later in life with colleagues, customers or lovers, it has to be linked to the facial nerve on the unaffected side of the face by a nerve graft of approximately 20cm. This crosses the face hidden in the crease between the nose and the mouth.

Smoke alarm

FAMILIARITY with the hoarse, rasping voice of the heavy smoker should not lull either the smoker or their doctor into complacency. *The Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine* reports that Mr David Proops, a consultant ENT surgeon at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, has studied 300 patients seen at a diagnostic clinic at his hospital. General practitioners were encouraged to send any patient whose hoarseness had persisted for more than four weeks.

Whereas the GPs' provisional diagnoses were accurate in only six out of 13 cases of cancer of the vocal cords detected at the centre, a two or three-minute examination by Mr Proops' team, using a fibre optic nasoendoscope, found every case of cancer. Only 34 per cent of the 300 patients had normal vocal cords and 14 per cent of them required admission to hospital.

Mr David Garfield Davies, director of the voice clinic at the Middlesex Hospital, London, told the GP magazine *Pulse* he would go even further, recommending investigation of the larynx and vocal cords of any smoker after two weeks of hoarseness if there wasn't some very obvious cause of the trouble, and three weeks in the case of non-smokers.

Raise your glasses to a longer life

Do Mrs Bottomley's alcohol limits make sense? Dr James Le Fanu finds comfort in an American study

Peter Bottomley deserves our sympathy. His wife, in her determination as health secretary to set a good example to the nation, has decreed there will be two alcohol-free days a week in the Bottomley household.

No doubt she will also be keeping a beady eye on her husband's drinking habits for the remaining five days of the week to ensure they do not exceed the government decreed "safe" limits of three units a day (equivalent of three glasses of wine) for men and a stingey two units a day for women — considerably less than is required to make an adult even slightly merry.

Being highly intelligent, Mr Bottomley should be suspicious about these arbitrary limits. After all, it has been grudgingly admitted that two to three glasses of wine a day reduce the risk of heart attacks, and it would seem most unlikely that straying over these limits might suddenly become harmful.

He might, therefore, be interested in a recent publication from the American Council on Science and Health, *Does moderate alcohol consumption prolong life?*, which confirms the suspicions.

Reviewing the studies examining the relationship between levels of alcohol consumption and health, the author, Dr Curtis Ellison, of Boston University School of Medicine, has found they all confirm that those who drink a couple of glasses of wine a day have an "all-cause mortality rate" about 30 per cent less than that of abstainers.

But the benefits of alcohol stretch well beyond this. Both the British Regional Heart study and a survey of British doctors' drinking habits show that even those on six drinks a day are just as healthy as teetotallers.

The interpretation of this finding has provided one of the more diverting of medical controversies in recent years which, in Britain, has focused on a dispute between professors of epistemology — Gerry Shaper, at the Royal Free, and Michael Marmot, at University College. Their disagreement centres on the U-shaped curve that emerges when the correlation between alcohol consumption and health are displayed graphically. Here, teetotallers have a given risk of heart attacks, strokes, cancer and so on, which added together gives an overall mortality figure. This figure is markedly less for those on two drinks a day and even less for those on four drinks a day and, indeed, starts to rise dramatically only in those consuming enough to put them at risk from alcohol-related diseases and accidents and violence. Hence, moderate drinking is good for you.

This, according to Professor Shaper, is a myth. "Abstinence from alcohol may not be everyone's cup of tea," he says, mixing his metaphors, "but it seems unlikely in its own right to carry an increased risk of disease." It is a myth, he argues, because the higher mortality among teetotallers is due to the fact that this group contains many who have given up drinking because it has already proved injurious to their health.

There is here a strong whiff of special pleading which was shot down by Professor Marmot in the *British Medical Journal* a couple of years ago. He pointed out that even those studies in which teetotallers were restricted to lifetime abstainers still showed they fared worse than those drinking moderate amounts.

So if, as is now generally accepted, the benefits of alcohol are genuine, the next obvious question is why the health experts have bent Mrs Bottomley's ear to advise only two or three units a day when we could all be drinking twice as much with no ill effects.

As recently as 1979, a book from the Royal College Psychiatrists stated: "Four pints of beer a day, four doubles of spirits or one standard-sized bottle of wine (equivalent to 56 units a week) constitute reasonable guidelines for the upper limits of drinking," arguing quite correctly that this "accords with present scientific findings on the relationship between drinking levels and risks to health".

Slowly, over the following decade, these limits were whittled away presumably because they were felt to be too generous. Thus, a further report from the psychiatrists in 1986, stated: "It would be sensible to stay well below the limits of 50 units per week for men and 35 units per week for women." A year later, in a consensus statement from the royal colleges, these guidelines were drastically reduced. Medical opinion agrees that sensible drinking implies not more than 21 units a week for men and 14 for women.

Clearly, there is no objective rationale for the latest recommendations, and Mr Bottomley can legitimately claim the authority of science when challenging his wife's restrictive rules on how much he is allowed to drink.

The risk of damaging one's health from drinking too much is, in any case, a very personal matter. Certainly all those who develop cirrhosis of the liver — at least in the Western world — are alcoholics, but it is not inevitable because two thirds of alcoholics never do so. The explanation probably lies with genes and, in particular, the way in which alcohol is metabolised in the body.

The important issue for people, then, is not how much the government tells people they are allowed to drink but whether any given level of alcohol intake is actually doing them damage. Most of those who drink too much know it already, or are at least told so by their friends or spouses. But a simple method of confirming it is to visit your general practitioner and ask for a blood test of liver function known as the gamma GT. This is highly suggestive of alcoholic liver damage. Further alcohol also increases the size of the red blood cells and this is detected by a simple blood count in which the mean corpuscular volume (MCV) is greater than 96. Those with a raised gamma GT or MCV should restrict their drinking until these tests have returned to normal. Everyone else should take comfort from the great French scientist Louis Pasteur's sensible observation: "Alcohol is the most helpful and hygienic of beverages."

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TOMORROW

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If you thought ECT was out of fashion — here is the shocking truth

A mind-blowing comeback

Electro-convulsive therapy conjures up a Frankenstein horror in most people, a picture of wires and and screams in bleak mental hospitals. It is stored away in minds with other trends from the 1950s — cars with fins, chairs with splayed legs, and vegetable-patterned wallpaper from the days before we knew better. The film *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* was electro-convulsive therapy's lowest moment in 1975; few thought thereafter that the psychiatric technique would survive.

Yet more than 50 years since its invention, electro-convulsive therapy (ECT) is making an extraordinary comeback in America among the middle and intellectual classes who use private health.

Despite known side-effects like confusion and memory loss, public figures are going on record to praise the barbaric-seeming solution to depression. The principal timpanist for the New York Philharmonic, Roland Kohloff, recommended it to the readers of the city's newspaper last week: "What I think it did was to act like a Roto-Rooter (weed remover) on the depression. It just reamed me clear and the depression was gone."

Mr Kohloff said he forgot very little, and pointed to his late friend, the concert pianist Vladimir Horowitz, who had ECT and could still remember the tens of thousands of notes in a classical concerto.

The celebrity ECT confession is almost as popular with stars in the 1990s as the Betty Ford clinic for alcoholics was in the last decade. The television talk-show host Dick Cavett confessed to *People* magazine: "ECT was miraculous. My wife was dubious, but when she came into my room afterwards, I sat up and said: 'Look who's back in the land of the living.' It was like a magic wand."

Dr Richard Weiner, a psychiatrist who specialises in the technique at Duke University, is getting increasing requests for ECT from patients. He puts the success rate for lifting depression at 75 per cent, depending on whether the patient has other mental and physical problems. In a case without other complications, he puts it at 80 to 90 per cent.

Therapy now involves the use of muscle relaxants, unlike painful early therapies in which the electric current combined with a jerking reaction, often breaking bones.

It is the seizure — lasting up to a minute — following the shock which lasts only a few seconds, which alters the chemistry of the brain in a similar way to anti-depressive drugs. "For those who cannot tolerate drugs or their side effects, of for patients who are so ill they need a fast solution, this works," Dr Weiner says.

Satisfied ECT patient: TV host Dick Cavett

He points to a British survey where some of the 20,000 patients who undergo ECT every year said on the whole the experience was less traumatic than going to the dentist, "though that may be a reflection not on ECT but British dentistry". Dr Weiner added. The British have *remained keen on* ECT even as it fell and rose in America because "under your NHS there is more of a pressure to get people out of hospital quickly".

ECT is now less likely to be misused, as it often was from the 1940s to the 1960s. Then, difficult or unruly patients were so overexposed to the treatment, undergoing dozens of sessions, that they were left near-zombies. In Canada, mental patients from the 1950s have been compensated for over-use of the treatment in its brutal, bone-breaking days.

The success of the treatment depends on the individual, and for some it has been a didsaster. Linda Andre, who now lives in New York's East Village, was given ECT after she left university in 1984 and says that both the year before and the year after her treatment are complete blanks in her memory. As co-ordinator of the Patients' Committee for Truth in Psychiatry, she is lobbying for a government investigation into ECT's safety. She says 500 other patients in her group have experienced similar frightening memory loss.

Dr Weiner claims "there is no compelling evidence of severe memory loss — usually the weeks before and after the treatment may be hazy, but *then ability to learn new* material returns to normal". A number of patients would disagree, patients whose depression did not lift, and whose memory seemed to disintegrate.

Perversely, increased interest in treating mental illness chemically with drugs, rather than through analysis or psychotherapy, has seen the return to the supposedly old-fashioned ECT, which works like a very strong drug on the brain's neurotransmitters. In most hospitals, therapy is the first resort to treat clinical depression, then drugs, with ECT the last resort.

Clearly, there is no simple answer to how well the treatment works, even after 50 years. And it depends who you ask. Lee Coleman, a Berkeley psychiatrist, *claims the side* effect of memory loss is, in fact, the treatment. "You are clubbing the person into a state where they can't remember their problems," he says.

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Italy's noisy reformation struggles on

The one-party state is coming to an end, says **David Selbourne**

Yesterday's bomb-blasts in Milan and Rome, serious as they were and coming at what President Scalfaro called a "delicate moment" in the passage of Italian events, were mere noises-off in Italy's democratic revolution. An illegal system of power, constructed by politicians, industrialists, state officials and the forces of organised crime, is in the course of bing overthrown by a magistracy unlikely to be deterred. To the sounds of TNT and the hand-wringing self-exculpation of the corrupt, the cheers and jeers of the populace and the intermittent report of 7.65mm Brownings pressed to the temples of the investigated, a leading European polity — destined to be the first economic power of Europe by early next century — is in the throes of a great upheaval.

To gauge the scale of it, let us suppose, for the sake of argument, that Britain had a higher gross domestic product than Italy. Suppose, at the same time, that the Conservative party, with a quarter of its members of Parliament under investigation and one of its leading elder statesmen — Sir Edward Heath, say — under accusation of complicity in murder and criminal association, had become so unpopular that it had renamed itself the "Popular Party of Britain". Suppose too that support for the Labour party, with a third of its MPs under investigation, had collapsed to 5 per cent of the national vote; that Neil Kinnock stood accused of receiving (in suitcases) loads of banknotes as payola; and that a senior judge of the Court of Criminal Appeal, after having overturned 400 verdicts brought against the leaders of organised crime, was charged with being the Mafia's fifth columnist in the judiciary.

And suppose, for the sake of argument only, that the Home Counties had fallen politically into the hands of an English Nationalist "Southern League"; that a new centrist alliance of moderate Tories, Liberal Democrats and social democratic refugees from the Labour party was bidding to run the country at the next election, and that suicides "on grounds of honour" had reached 18th-century levels. For so it is in Italy; and, yesterday, to cap it all, bombs wrecked the new wing of the National Gallery and St Martin-in-the-Fields.

Yet the foreground sounds of yesterday's explosions — probably the work of a still-powerful and resistant Mafia, bent on signalling its anger at the "New Inquisition" — must be set against a sonic backdrop of cries that the magistracy of Italy is abusing its powers, misusing laws on preventive detention, and extorting confessions of bribery and peculation under pin of the loss by the accused of their summer fleshpots and shady gardens.

"Persecution!" shouts Bettino Craxi, the former socialist leader. "An attempt to lynch me!" squeals Giulio Andreotti, the fallen chief of a fallen Christian Democracy. "Thieves!" squawk the rabble in the streets, as the coffin of an illustrious suicide is carried to its rest. One voice alone is silent in this long-overdue Reformation: that of a powerful clerical Savonarola, denouncing corruption. For the church is itself steeped in corruption, yet safe from the *magistratura*.

But even this is froth on the surface. The Italian democratic revolution is a further side-effect of the great fall of communism (and socialism) in 1989. Removing the "danger" of the Italian Communist party's conquest of "democracy", it has helped bring a new political open season to Italy, and brought down with it the old political dispensation, and its balance of forces.

There are both great prospects and great dangers for Italy at the present hour, a time when the political future of Europe and of the utopian "European idea" is increasingly uncertain. Italy is already the fifth economic power in the world, with its geopolitical and commercial strategies in Eastern Europe, the Southern Balkans and the Islamic world shrewd and determined. An Italy democratically "renovated" would be a more formidable competitor yet.

> *Corruption has been functional, lubricating the state*

At the same time, the bombs at the Uffizi and San Giovanni in Laterano are a reminder of the ugly forces at work in the Italian body politic. With the wave of hostility against Italy's parliamentarians and parliamentary institutions, paranoia about freemasonry — Garibaldi was a freemason too — and the xenophobic and anti-clerical populism of the Northern League there is much that is reminiscent of the 1930s. The post-war Italian First Republic, created on the ruins of defeat in war and of 20 years of Fascism, was democratic more in form than in substance. For the past 50 years, until the present convulsion, Italy has been in effect a one-party state of Christian Democracy and its allies. Its corruption has been functional, as in many Third World countries, lubricating the creaking state machine left behind by the Duce; it is no accident that the state's industrial bureaucracies and corporatist parties stand at the heart of the corruption.

Now, the leaders of the Northern League — in which the US State Department is showing increasing interest — exult at the "unsheathing of daggers", the suicides of the accused, and the prospect of the "redemption" or "salvation" of Italy. "They ought to be grateful", declared Umberto Bossi, the Northern League's leader, speaking of the legions of accused. "that they have lived in a democratic state. Otherwise, they would have been put up against a wall." With friends like Bossi, the increasingly Jacobin-sounding Italian magistracy needs no enemies; such sentiments ring louder than the passing sound of bombs.

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Janet Daley is on holiday.

Too tough at the top

Suddenly, 'political suicide' is more than just a metaphor. But why now?

William Rees-Mogg

In the past four months the world has seen something like an epidemic of public suicides. There was the suicide of Pierre Bérégovoy, the former prime minister of France; that was blamed on his defeat in the French elections and his cruel treatment by the French press. There has been the suicide of Vincent Foster, a close friend of the Clintons and a law officer in the American administration. There have been two recent suicides among leading businessmen under investigation in Italy. There have been several suicides resulting from losses at Lloyds, though these were not public figures. Suicide is much the most likely explanation of Robert Maxwell's death, although that was a couple of years earlier. Suicide must be one measure of personal agony, and there is a lot of pain in the advanced world, even in its most peaceful regions.

It has been unusual in history for public figures to commit suicide, perhaps surprisingly so. One can find most psychological problems in the history of the English monarchy — no agony aunt needs to look beyond their passionate dilemmas — but there has been no suicide since 1066, and I do not remember one among the Anglo-Saxon kings (although some of their lives are quite obscure). Since the Norman Conquest, at least seven English monarchs have been assassinated, so they must have suffered a great deal of stress. Among British public figures there are the suicides of Clive of India and Castlereagh. Byron had called the latter "the intellectual eunuch", and Shelley wrote: "I met murder in the way — He had a mask like Castlereagh." Castlereagh had therefore suffered from the poets, but they did not kill him, any more than his critics killed Keats.

This historic resistance to suicide is surprising, since public affairs have always involved high stress and attracted people of unstable, nervous temperament. Two of Britain's greatest prime ministers, Chatham and Churchill, had manic-depressive personalities, Chatham to a degree which would now be regarded as psychotic. There was a time early in the reign of George III when both the king and his prime minister were out of their minds. The energy of the manic phase, so long as it can be controlled, may make public figures exceptionally effective, and offset the handicap of their cyclical mood swings. Depression can itself be postponed by the stimulus of dramatic events, and great men can be drawn to public life as a remedy for melancholia.

The same applies to business, where psychological energy is an essential characteristic of successful entrepreneurs. This creative energy usually has to be paid for with opposite moods of depression. Although Robert Maxwell was a crook, his overdrive of energy and dominance, was only an exaggeration of a personality type which is often found in business leadership. Even now, his acquaintances discuss him with a certain shamefaced recognition of the electricity generated by his presence.

So the two obvious explanations for the current mini-epidemic of public suicides do not account for why it is happening now. Public men of our age are under pressure from overwork, fatigue, television and so on, but the life of a modern minister is a less dangerous adventure than that of a minister in the time of Henry VIII or the Wars of the Roses. Robert Walpole, or for that matter Cardinal Wolsey, got through more public business single-handed than any modern prime minister has to handle. Stress has not changed, nor has the urgent temperament of ambitious people or their frequent disappointments.

One obvious change is the decline of religious belief. Suicide is increasing rapidly even in Catholic Italy, and not just among the prominent. I think suicide is commoner in the high-minded but agnostic north than the lower-minded but still Catholic south. For the Catholic, suicide is an extraordinary event. Of course Catholics can suffer from clinical depression, like anyone else, and can commit suicide under its influence. But they are unlikely — if they are believers — to commit what might be called the suicide of public failure. In the first place, they can turn to their church and ask for absolution; the psychological reassurance is powerful.

No doubt businessmen who are held in prison feel acute shame and humiliation, whatever the reason for their failure and wherever they are. The Catholic businessman will feel the pain of loss, but, if he genuinely repents, can be absolved of the guilt that goes with it. The church, in such circumstances, becomes a refuge, marred nowadays by the fact that it is lawful for the Italian police to hide a bug in the prison confessional behind the statue of the Virgin Mary, a practice approved by a judicial enquiry and reported in that now exciting newspaper, *The Catholic Herald*.

Apart from repentance, there is the religious opportunity to use humiliation to achieve humility, to start a new life. In India it is common for businessmen to retire at a certain age and lead an ascetic life of prayer and meditation. The business of life has been completed; the business of the spirit can begin. There is no similar tradition in modern Christianity: Anglo-Saxon kings retired to monasteries, or to Rome, but we do not. Even so it would be imaginable to use personal failure as an opportunity to rethink the values of the active life, even to retire from the service of Mammon and enter the service of God.

This psychological transition would at least be a great protection against the temptation of suicide, but it depends on the reality of religious faith, although not necessarily of Catholic or even Christian faith. There is less faith in the modern world. Any of us moderns who were transported back to the anarchy of the Wars of the Roses, which created in England some of the ravages which are found in Bosnia, would find life intolerable. Yet the England of the 15th century was a place of great spirituality, far higher than ours. Life may have been hell, but at few periods of history have people felt so close to Heaven.

The modern danger is despair, the feeling that there is nothing effective that can be done about anything, that the impersonal forces, many of them negative, have become far too strong for any personal action. Businessmen can easily find themselves trapped by a business culture in which the choice is between corruption and not doing business at all. Even in more honest environments, over-regulation can make it almost impossible to avoid at least technical breaches of the law, which may have very serious consequences. Businessmen pushed to accept sleazy standards start to think badly of themselves; they lower themselves in their own eyes.

This feeling of impotence is even more common among the world's politicians. All the world's governments feel themselves to be the victims of historic forces rather than the masters. Power without responsibility can be a dangerous and presumptuous thing, but responsibility without power is terrible. Norman Lamont's phrase in his resignation speech may be the most significant political aphorism of 1993. "We give the impression of being in office but not in power." The more one considers that phrase, the more tragic its implications seem to be; the charms of office on such terms are Dead Sea fruit.

Nowhere in the world is political office enjoyable any more. Our worst enemies would not wish for any of us to hold such offices. Even at his angriest, Sir Norman Fowler would not wish me to be the prime minister of Japan. Who would want to wear Boris Yeltsin's uneasy crown? Who does not sympathise with the impossible predicament of President Clinton? It is obviously no fun being John Major, or Edouard Balladur or even Helmut Kohl — though having fun is not one of Chancellor Kohl's outstanding talents. To govern must be like standing under a waterfall, with tons of freezing water falling on one's head and no way of turning the tap off. No wonder Mr Major expressed passing irritability to a television interviewer: who can blame him? Yet the frustrations of people lower down the hierarchy of government must be even worse. If one has to be a rat in a trap, it is better to be the top rat.

Prayer and hope are what the world needs. It is the absence of both that has resulted in tragic despair and even the suicides. Prayer and hope are linked. Without prayer, without the recognition of the reality of the spiritual life, the world makes no sense, and a nonsense world is a place of horror. Only if the world is rational at a spiritual level is it possible for human beings to devise policies which make sense at a practical level. "Angels and ministers of grace defend us!" as Hamlet so reasonably requested.

Local politics writ large

Peter Riddell on Ashdown's push for the big league

Is it time to start taking the Liberal Democrats seriously? We have become so used to the party achieving spectacular gains at by-elections, only to lose the seats back to the Tories at the subsequent general elections, that tonight's expected Lib Dem victory in Christchurch may be dismissed as just another mid-term setback underlining the present deep unpopularity of the government, yet of no lasting importance.

Many MPs, of all parties, are not so sure this time. They believe that something more significant may now be stirring in southern England. Many, if not most, voters who desert the Tories today should return at a general election, but quite a few may not. The Lib Dems may be sinking deeper roots. The real test, however, will be whether they can turn themselves from a highly efficient gatherer of protest votes into a credible voice on national issues.

The Lib Dems are in a happier position than either the Tories with their obvious divisions or Labour with its internal doubts. Paddy Ashdown has worked adroitly to exploit these weaknesses and the anti-politics mood in the country. Their local and by-election successes have shown that they are still the main alternative to the Tories in much of southern England outside large towns. In south-west England, the Lib Dems have not only surged ahead of the Tories, but have squeezed Labour back to below its general election position. Today's national MORI poll for *The Times* gives them their highest rating for six years. Mr Ashdown is by far the most popular leading politician in the country.

Talking yesterday at Westminster, Mr Ashdown was refreshingly cautious about the implications. He is unsure about the party's core vote. He believes people are increasingly looking for a new approach and are "test buying" the Lib Dems. Whether Christchurch and the party's Newbury win on May 6 are merely temporary gains like the three victories in 1990-92 depends on the depth of the public's disillusion with the Tories and the extent of their civil war.

Mr Ashdown believes that certain events permanently blight a party's standing in the public mind. The winter of discontent of 1978-79 has ever since blighted Labour in southern England, and he wonders whether the same is now happening to the Tories following the recession, the splits over Europe, the extension of VAT to domestic fuel and the criticism of John Major's leadership. Previously loyal middle-class Tories in the south are now openly hostile.

For Mr Ashdown, the key will be whether the prospect of the Tories remaining in power becomes more frightening to voters in the south than Labour coming to office. If that occurs, then the Liberals can present themselves as a constraining influence on Labour.

The outcome will depend as much on whether the Tories can recover their composure and self-discipline as a party of government as on what the Lib Dems do. Mr Ashdown believes a third party is dependent on luck — the misfortunes of the two larger parties — and on putting itself in what he calls "a state of grace". The Lib Dems have done that as campaigners, but their identity remains blurred on policy: what their opponents see as being all things to all people. They have avoided being squeezed over Maastricht. Presenting himself as outside conventional Westminster politics, Mr Ashdown has struck a chord with his warnings about Bosnia and calls for changes in the way Britain is governed. He believes the party should now stress awkward truths about the declining tax base and the erosion of Britain's competitive position. However, there is a lot of work to be done. He concedes "we have not clearly articulated a distinctive approach to the economy".

Too often, the party lacks credibility on the big issues of the day. That is partly because of the poor quality of many of its 21 MPs. Only half a dozen have made the transition from effective local tribunes to become national politicians. The Lib Dems are victims of their own success. So far they have won parliamentary seats because of local activity rather than national trends, and their MPs remain locally focussed.

The priority of most activists is winning local council elections. For them, parliamentary victories are an incidental bonus. The more successful the party has been — now with 4,250 seats and control or influence on nearly a third of councils — the more this has applied. Which means there is less interest in national policymaking. There is nothing wrong with being a party of local government, but that is not the same as a national party, and it is not what Mr Ashdown wants. He accepts that the focus on council work may make it hard to find quality parliamentary candidates, but he claims it has not affected policymaking, some of which will shortly be apparent.

For all their local successes, the Lib Dems do not yet offer a distinctive national alternative. They deserve to be taken seriously, if only as an electoral threat to the Tories in the south, but not as seriously as they may take themselves after tonight.

Long spoon time

IN THE DAYS of the Ayatollah, it would have been unthinkable. But the new world order appears to have rubbed off even on that great leader of the old world, Margaret Thatcher. The Iron Lady, who was once painted as the very devil by Iran, has forged a most unlikely alliance with her old adversary.

To the astonishment of diplomats, Baroness Thatcher is planning private talks with Iran's most senior representative in Britain, Gholam-Reza Ansari, the Iranian *chargé d'affaires* in London. The meeting next month between Thatcher and representatives of the Iranian government will be the first for at least 10 years.

Diplomatic relations with the Iranians were severed by Britain with the downfall of the Shah in 1979, just before Thatcher came to power. They were resumed in October 1990, just before she was toppled from No 10. During her Downing Street years, there was little communication and the Iranian press depicted her either as a witch or as an Iron Lady rusting at the hinges.

But all that changed in April with her devastating attack on Serb atrocities in Bosnia and her demand for Western intervention to defend the country's Muslim population. Iran saw her call to arms as a dramatic conversion, and dispatched a letter asking for conciliatory talks: now she has put the past behind her and agreed.

Bosnia will be high on the agenda, and the Iranians can expect a stout defence of freedom of speech over the case of *The Satanic Verses*. Surprising really, since Salman Rushdie depicts Lady Thatcher as Mrs Torture in his lengthy work.

Hair breadth 'scape

MARGARET, Duchess of Argyll, was always immaculately dressed in public. Well nearly always, for on one celebrated occasion her mask slipped. The duchess, who died in her sleep on Sunday night, was famous for her dramatic entrances and exits, from all the glitziest balls and smartest parties.

But none was quite so sensational as the one she made, French poodle in arms, at the Grovesnor House Hotel, London, several years ago. As the duchess strode into the hotel, her distinctive wing hairpiece was caught in the revolving door.

Unaware of the calamity, the duchess glided across the foyer with her carefully constructed hairstyle unravelling with each graceful step, to wait for the lift. Staff were barely able to contain themselves as the hairpiece revolved majestically with the comings and goings of hotel guests — until the offending article was retrieved and dispatched to the duchess's suite in a brown paper bag.

● *As they wait for the by-election result to come in tonight, the Tory campaign team in Christchurch will be able to take their mind off any impending disaster by watching a TV tribute to their late MP, Robert Adley. Rather than run an election special, Meridian, the local television network, is broadcasting* In Search of Steam *a 30-minute programme about Adley's love of steam railways.*

Hopes are sunk

ONE OF the highlights of the Cowes Regatta, which starts next week, was going to be the presentation of the Britannia Cup, because this year marks the 100th anniversary of the original royal yacht. Edward VII's 122 ft cutter, the first *Britannia*, sank in 1935, 18 years before the present *Britannia* was launched.

The Royal Yachting Association was hoping to persuade a member of the royal family to present the cup, along with a complimentary model of the royal yacht, to the winner of the race inaugurated by George VI in 1951. Prince Philip, a Cowes regular, was the obvious choice. "He was asked. But he cannot make it. We would have liked him, but we understand," says a disappointed Robin Duchesne, the RYA's secretary-general.

● *Junior schools minister Eric Forth, is wasting no opportunity to take a swipe at his absent and bedridden boss John Patten. Yesterday, at the Professional Association of Teachers conference in Surrey, Forth dismissed Patten's hopes of a "mums' army" of young teachers without degrees as a "patronising and sexist phrase". Getting into his stride, he later said his speech was a "breeze . . . it helps if people know you are going to answer questions". Patten, you will remember, refused to answer his audience's questions at the headteachers' conference in May.*

Touch of class

HE MAY be John Major's ideal choice as England's cricket captain, but Michael Atherton's appointment yesterday could have hit the prime minister's hopes of a classless society for six. Atherton was privately educated at Manchester Grammar School and is the first Oxbridge-educated captain since Mike Brearley's successful innings in 1981.

State-educated captains (Fletcher, Willis, Emburey, Gooch and Stewart) have dominated England since the early Thatcher years; there have been just two former public school boys (Gower and Chris Cowdrey) and a South African (Allan Lamb) to bat against them.

The Oxbridge precedent is strong, however, and presumably encouraged Ted Dexter (Jesus College, Cambridge) to speak yesterday of Atherton's "pedigree". Fate should be kind to Atherton too. Under Oxbridge captains, England has won 132 matches, lost 77 and drawn 113. Under others the team has won 107, lost 117 and drawn 148.

● *John Major will have to return to the fray after the recess. Far from being wound-up, the cross-party Campaign for an Independent Britain, whose membership tripled during its campaign for a referendum on Maastricht, is continuing the fight. It is joining rebel Tory MP Bill Walker, who left his sickbed to vote against the government last week, at a fringe meeting at the Tory conference of Conservatives Against a Federal Europe.*

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The voters of Christchurch are just one angry group

Three and a half centuries after the English civil war, battle is raging again over the most basic tenets of the unwritten constitution. Rarely has the role of the executive been so profoundly questioned; rarely have its actions and indifference to public grievance inspired such anger. The Maastricht debate has merged with a more elemental struggle to define the relationship of the executive to courts, Commons and electorate.

Political opponents nervously brandish the 1689 Declaration of Rights at one another. In the High Court, Lord Rees-Mogg pursues his challenge against the use of the prerogative in the ratification of Maastricht. Yesterday, Lord Justice Scott's enquiry concluded its hearings for the summer, having heard officials claim that ministers abused their powers and lied to Parliament to spare themselves political embarrassment. The angry spirits of the seventeenth century are stirring. As Lord Templeman said on Tuesday in the law lords' ruling against the former home secretary, Kenneth Baker, nothing less than the constitutional settlement which followed the civil war is at stake.

Mr Baker was found guilty of contempt for allowing the deportation of an asylum-seeker from Zaire in spite of a court order undertaking to keep him in Britain. The former home secretary's actions were made possible by an illiberal asylum policy which gives the applicant too little redress against ministerial fiat. But Mr Baker's disregard for court authority also reveals the arrogance into which ministers are tempted by the Crown prerogative. Lord Templeman's remark that the executive should obey the law "as a matter of necessity" rather than "as a matter of grace" may seem mere common sense. It is nonetheless an invaluable clarification of an area of constitutional law which had become murky.

Ministers past and present warn darkly that the judiciary is getting above itself. They cite the vital role played by the courts in the Matrix Churchill affair, the pit closures and the row over classroom tests. They complain that the growth of judicial review in the last 12 years has encouraged judges to interfere more generally in matters of policy and politics. Yesterday in *The Times* the historian Jonathan Clark claimed that "a genie has been let out of an ancient bottle" and that the battles fought by Chief Justice Coke against early Stuart government would be fought once again by an overmighty judiciary edging towards the status of a Supreme Court.

Yet Coke's ideas did not arise in a vacuum. They were a measured response to James I's open flirtation with absolutism. So too the criticisms levelled at the executive by judges in our own time have been a necessary defence of the rule of law against incompetence and abuse of ministerial power. If ministers do not wish judges to embarrass them in public, they should not disobey the courts or lie to Parliament.

Without a bill of rights, the power of the judiciary to curb the executive will always be strictly limited. As long as the Lord Chancellor remains responsible for appointments, there is little risk of a politicised judiciary. The moderate growth of the courts' influence in the political process should be welcomed rather than feared. It is a fine example of the evolutionary character of the British constitution, a reflex response to the dramatic centralisation of power in the state since the second world war. It shows that checks and balances will emerge, that systems of redress must and shall be found.

The people need a voice for discontent. The power of party whips proved how little their voices were heard during the Maastricht debate. Today, the voters of Christchurch do have a chance to display their frustration — but that is a rare chance. Their protest, unless it is on a massive scale, will be a mere pinprick in the hide of government. But it will symbolise much else that should trouble those who wield power.

FIGHTING FOR TALKS

South Africa does not have the luxury of time

While Britons argue over their old constitution, South Africans are building a new one. In all societies the search for constitutional perfection needs time; the more complex the problems, the more time needed to devise the necessary checks and balances.

Few countries — even in the Middle East or Eastern Europe — are more divided by racial and ethnic loyalties, more splintered by prejudice and fear, more marked by privilege and deprivation. After four decades of apartheid and seven years of a brutal conflict which has claimed 10,000 lives, the new South Africa is burdened by an inheritance which does not include the luxury of time.

It is not surprising therefore, that the draft outline of South Africa's interim constitution, published this week, is full of imperfections and pitted with lacunae, ranging from the composition of the executive to the new state's official languages, borders, national symbols and even its name. One error of omission, however, transcends the others — the definition of the powers and authority of the regions.

The African National Congress, which once demanded a strongly centralist state, has been compelled to accept a degree of regionalism to reflect South Africa's ethnic, economic and geographical diversity. What both the ANC and the President de Klerk's National Party have thus far refused to accept is that in a true federation, authority is not devolved from the centre but is ceded by the states or regions to the central government. Although hedged about by constitutional principles, Monday's draft cannot fully disguise the intention that final authority over the powers of the regions should rest with the central government.

Chief Buthelezi, desperate to protect his Zulu power base, has joined his allies on the white right by boycotting the talks — presenting the government and the ANC with a terrible dilemma. Failure to address legitimate demands for regional autonomy will make the new South Africa at least as unstable and conflict-ridden as the old; but the country could be torn apart if a settlement is long postponed.

Three years after F W De Klerk took the momentous decision to negotiate a future with his government's sworn enemies, South Africa is close to social disintegration. As political and criminal violence has spilled over from the black townships into white suburbia and white farms, support has drained from the government. Today, its ability to administer the country, secure order, even to protect the negotiating process itself is seriously in question. The only answer is for the government and the ANC to join as soon as possible in the transitional executive, sharing responsibility for the maintenance of peace and order in a country in which the social contract has lost all meaning.

In the recent past atrocities have often had a perverse, if benign effect: driving the main negotiators to compromises in order to outpace the forces of disintegration. In the next few weeks, whether or not Chief Buthelezi and the Afrikaner right return to the table, the negotiators should make one more compromise — to accommodate South Africa's legitimate need for real regional autonomy.

But they should not be held to ransom by further delay. If they are, power and authority will continue to flow unstoppably to men who would rather fight than talk. A perfect constitution negotiated by politicians without power or support is a meaningless document.

EASTWARD HO!

London's East End is one of its glories

One of London's greatest secrets is London itself. So when the critics carp at an attempt to popularise East London as a tourist attraction because it is a quarter forever associated with immigrants, gangs and inner city deprivation, we should reach for our history books if not our revolvers. Tourists are rightly attracted to the Great Wen's museums, galleries, theatres and parks but still they are missing something that only a sophisticated traveller can comprehend. London's absolute fascination resides in its eccentric devolution, not its central promise.

Manhattan and Paris provide a glorious paradigm for the centralised metropolis; yet London's pleasures are less expected. There are scant wide boulevards set out by dictators in order to facilitate military manoeuvres against the insurrectionary mob. Nor is there a boring rectangular street grid system based on the Roman model. London streets twist their wilful, individualistic way from the centre to a fascinating hinterland of grotesque Victorian cemeteries, Georgian squares, art deco factories and surprisingly varied Metroland housing.

The East End comprises some of the best and the worst of London. For the delectation of salaciously minded American and Japanese tourists some "blood and gore" tours focus on the site of Jack the Ripper's depredations, the Kray brothers' haunts and other memorials of "the wild East".

Yet there is much more to this fascinating quarter. As any reader of *The Times*'s book reviewer Peter Ackroyd will know, the East End is the place to see the sinister splendour of Hawksmoor's churches in Commercial Street, Shadwell and Limehouse. The buildings of Spitalfields date back to the time of the Huguenot weavers who fled the Catholic absolutism of Louis Quatorze's France. The Huguenots were but the first of many textile workers, Jews and Bengalis too, who found the East End a refuge and left a remarkable stamp on the area.

What of the modern art gallery at Whitechapel, the Geffreye Museum and the Children's Museum at Bethnal Green? How many Londoners even know that Bethnal Green is the Bhuddist centre of Europe? How many have travelled on the light railway for a tour of the haphazardly developed Docklands and its curious architecture to see if any latter day Cubitt or Nash is losing a fortune out east? Even opera buffs may soon be forced to follow suit. The Royal Opera may move to the Hackney Empire for a season due to the prolonged closure of its Covent Garden headquarters. The cry should be "Go East, young man" in order to see the glorious patchwork that makes London unique among cities.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The lost art of government

From Sir Peter Smithers

Sir, Since I was a schoolboy in the 1920s the Conservative party has been accused of many things, but whatever the policy might be, it remained master of the art of government. Stanley Baldwin was a controversial prime minister but he knew how to govern. Margaret Thatcher was controversial, but her long record in office speaks for itself. Both were masters of the art.

This "art" consists of two elements: political judgment and personal relationships. The first resides in the collective wisdom and experience of the Cabinet. This cannot be translated into successful government without the second, the character and personality of the prime minister.

Promotion from the back benches to Downing Street is beset with obstacles requiring both elements to surmount. This has assured Britain of a succession of prime ministers who, whatever their policies, were competent to govern.

A lifelong Conservative, I have watched with dismay as the present government has committed a long series of errors of political judgment beginning with the aborted closure of the coal mines. But equally disturbing has been the attitude of the prime minister towards those who disagreed with him.

European integration, an exceedingly complex subject, is one of which Mr Major has no direct personal experience. His references to the divisions within the party on this subject as a squabble reveal that he has never understood the complexity or the gravity of the issues involved. They are open to different views and they transcend in importance considerations of party or personality.

Every member of the party is entitled to be respected for his views upon such a subject and the application of the party whips in the Maastricht debates seems to have passed the bounds of what is compatible with the sovereignty of a democratic institution.

If a prime minister cannot bring himself to respect the views of those in his party who disagree with him, this must not deflect his judgment. To reveal his resentment to representatives of the media is inconsistent with the holding of his office.

Sadly I conclude that the party needs a period in opposition to permit the emergence of leadership and to rediscover the art of government.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
PETER SMITHERS
(Conservative MP for Winchester, 1950-64),
6921 Vico Morcote,
Switzerland.
July 27.

Gordon's last stand

From Mrs Valentine Baker

Sir, In your article, "Mystery over Gordon's fate" (July 16; also letter, July 24), you quote Habib Salmone as saying that Khartoum had fallen in November 1884 and that Gordon had been taken prisoner by the Mahdi two months before the arrival of the British forces.

This cannot be true. The last letter sent by Gordon to Sir Samuel Baker, my husband's great-grandfather, was dated November 26, 1884. In it Gordon thanked him for his "efforts on our behalf" and the last known entry in Gordon's journal was made on December 14, in which he said:

Mark this, if the Expeditionary Force, and I ask for no more than two hundred men, does not come in ten days the town may fall, and I have done my best for the honour of our country. Goodbye. C. G. Gordon.

When Gordon was captured and when he died are not clear but an account (for which I have no date) by Slatin, an Austrian imprisoned in chains by the Mahdi, says General Gordon's head was shown to him as it was carried to the Mahdi after the fall of Khartoum.

Yours sincerely,
ANNE BAKER,
60 Harnham Road,
Salisbury, Wiltshire.

A better Thames

From Mr Lesslie K. Watson

Sir, May I suggest that the Thames Conservancy should exploit and develop the upper reaches of the river.

Its first aim should be to free the clutter on the main river by providing berths for boats, toilet facilities, and appropriate shops in nearby havens. Its second should be to investigate the needs of all users of the river and endeavour to provide ideal conditions for them — fishing at Penton Hook and Goring for trout, pike and salmon, and in backwaters and river banks for coarse fish; river sports, such as rowing at Henley and Marlow, sailing at Marlow and punting at Laleham; new ports with good road or rail communications, storage space and unloading facilities; and a straight rowing course, built to international standards, in one of the depressions near the main river.

Yours faithfully,
LESSLIE K. WATSON,
Silver Birches,
West Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

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How New Britons see their contribution to the UK

From Mr R. J. Mehta

Sir, Your efforts to stimulate "informed debate" on ethnic issues "free of social taboos, ideology, or prejudice" (leading article, July 21) by launching a series of articles in *The Times* (July 21-23) are indeed welcome. However, your statement, "How the immigrant community assimilates to, or distances itself from, the host culture will become increasingly important" has some major flaws.

First, it seems to imply that ethnic cultures have to assimilate in the host culture if they are to become acceptable. Moreover, how long does a "host" country remain a host country and how long do the immigrants continue to be called immigrants?

Secondly, why should Asians or for that matter members of any ethnic community (black or white) give up their rich culture and traditions if they live in Britain — which is their right — within the bounds of the law?

If wiser counsels prevail our country can only gain and benefit if different races with different cultures draw upon the rich heritage of each other and learn from them. Just imagine how boring and monotonous it would be to have millions of people all looking alike and doing the same things.

Let us truly turn this country of ours into a shining example of peoples of different cultures and colours living peacefully together. Of course, this will take time and unending patience. But isn't it worth the trouble?

Yours truly,
RAJNIKANT J. MEHTA,
18 Leigh Court, Byron Hill Road,
Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex.
July 22.

From Mr Umar Hegedüs and Mrs Khadijah Knight

Sir, The second of your articles (July 22) was over-dramatic: "Britain's largest ethnic minority ... Asians, is becoming restless about ... lack of representation. Some moderate leaders fear this could lead to violence."

The kind of representation required is not separate representation but equality of access to contribute to all the democratic and consultative processes of mainstream British life. Many of us are working to achieve this.

While the majority of Asians in Britain are Muslim, not all Muslims in Britain are Asians. Many come from Africa — West, East and North. Many others are Europeans, Turks, Iranians, Arabs and Malaysians. All of us perceive ourselves as part of a worldwide Islamic community known as the Ummah.

The new sense of identity which Britain's Muslims are forging is of themselves as both British and Muslim. This fully acknowledges all the responsibilities entailed while resisting any assimilation which requires compromising religious identity or practice.

Holding to the values of one's faith, whatever it may be, to live in peace and harmony with all of our fellow beings may yet prove to be the most important aid to understanding.

Yours sincerely,
UMAR HEGEDÜS (Director),
KHADIJAH KNIGHT
(Assistant Director),
Amana (an organisation to promote understanding of Islam),
PO Box 2842, London W6 9ZH.
July 23.

From Mr Billy Lee

Sir, I read with interest the article, "We are but islands in a bitter sea" (July 23), on the attitudes of Britain's Chinese community. As a first-generation British-Chinese living in Britain I wish to voice a different view.

When our parents uprooted themselves from the New Territories of Hong Kong and settled here, they naturally wished to protect their children from what they saw as the negative aspects of an alien culture. As a result, my generation is at risk of being "culturally confused" because we find it difficult to align our identities with either Britishness or Chineseness.

In contrast with the attitudes described in your article, my own view is that the experience of being British-Chinese can be extremely positive. The enhanced cultural awareness can give a uniquely fresh vantage point from which to evaluate the virtues and vices of both cultures.

The challenge is to contribute a more constructive alternative to a polarised debate.

Yours faithfully,
BILLY LEE,
St John's College, Oxford.
July 23.

From Mrs Hannah Hunt

Sir, I applaud and admire the Chinese here for wanting to protect their youngsters from the influence of contemporary British youth culture.

I lived in Hong Kong for some years until recently and taught Chinese children and young adults. I came to respect the majority for their self-discipline, pride in appearance, determination to succeed and industrious nature.

I could walk in the streets of Hong Kong day or night, safely and without having to witness the vandalism and the wanton destruction that we see around us in Britain.

Yours truly,
HANNAH HUNT,
Foxley House,
Whitchurch, Hampshire.
July 24.

From Mrs Denise Burnett

Sir, In your article, "Families in crisis" (July 21), a black woman said that her own kind were turning to white men as partners probably because they "think a white man offers them more respect".

No doubt some may be desperate enough to try this route. But as a black Grenadian married to a white Englishman *because I love him*, I find that generally the racial slurs towards myself and my family come from my own community *in my own country*, and not from either black or white in my host country.

Yours sincerely,
DENISE BURNETT,
1 Krumlin Hall Cottages,
Barkisland, Halifax, West Yorkshire.

From Mr P. J. Kinsella

Sir, The Asians are not the largest ethnic minority group in Britain (article, July 22). The Irish are not only the largest such group resident here, but also the oldest.

Yours faithfully,
P. J. KINSELLA,
10 Roseleigh Avenue,
Burnage, Manchester.
July 22.

From Mr T. L. Kapil

Sir, The article on July 22 states that only two MPs and one judge are Asians. There are three Asian MPs — Keith Vaz (Leicester East), Piara Khabra (Ealing, Southall) and Nirj Deva (Brentford and Isleworth). Also, there is certainly more than one Asian judge.

Yours faithfully,
TEJ L. KAPIL,
321 Ben Jonson House,
Barbican, EC2.
July 22.

Voices of the church

From the Director of the Royal School of Church Music

Sir, My chance remark that those who cannot distinguish the difference between the voices of girls and boys have "cloth ears" (report, July 17) was not intended to imply that boys make a more suitable sound in our great churches.

I have always supported the formation of girls' choirs in cathedrals and in fact wrote an article in the Royal School of Church Music's quarterly magazine in support of Salisbury at a time when they were receiving a good deal of criticism.

I believe, however, that Dr Barry Rose in his excellent letter (July 24) over-simplifies. When girls are carefully selected and trained to conform to a particular aural vision, they can sound remarkably like boys. If, however, a girls' choir contains the whole range of available female tone, the sound will be different, though in the case of younger girls, this difference will be slight.

Traditionalists have an understandable fear that the introduction of girls will cause the number of boys singing in our cathedrals to be halved. Let us hope that the arrival of girls will double the number of children experiencing the wonderful musical opportunities our cathedrals are able to offer.

Yours faithfully,
HARRY BRAMMA,
Director,
The Royal School of Church Music,
Addington Place, Croydon, Surrey.

From Mr William Hale

Sir, Cathedrals which have difficulty in recruiting boys should abandon the effort and work on building up a really top-class line of girl trebles instead.

The establishment of a fully-fledged tradition of girl trebles in these cathedrals would be a far more fitting recognition of their abilities than what seems to me the unsatisfactory tokenism of the Salisbury approach.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM HALE,
Payn's House, Oxhill, Warwick.

From Mr Ben Morland

Sir, The arguments for or against the admission of girl choristers to cathedral and college chapel choirs should be left to the judgment of the directors of music and organists.

Benjamin Britten's remarks about the "tremulous beauty" of boys' voices (leading article, July 17) should not be taken too seriously. With proper training the voices of girls and boys can result in a more than acceptable blend. Several choir schools have for some while accepted girl pupils.

Yours truly,
BEN MORLAND,
18 Branson Park,
Grenofen, Tavistock, Devon.

From Mr John Scott Whiteley

Sir, Your leading article tarnishes Britten as a "sentimentalist". Britten was a musical genius, a craftsman whose astonishing inspiration was born of his ability to hear sounds of sensitively handled musical instruments in ways that those less skilled cannot.

Yours truly,
JOHN SCOTT WHITELEY,
1 Chapter House Street, York.

From Mr D. A. Warwick

Sir, Girl choristers may perhaps grow up to become women priests, but they will not be the tenors and basses of tomorrow's cathedral choirs. It is this progression from chorister to choral scholar or lay vicar which helps to maintain the heritage of which we are justly proud, and it must be preserved.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID WARWICK,
3 The Park, Canford Magna,
Wimborne, Dorset.

In the swim

From Mrs Angela McCulloch

Sir, Libby Purves's article (July 19) about swimming the equivalent distance from the Suffolk coast to Zeebrugge in lengths at her local pool so inspired my daughter and me that we decided to do something similar.

We swim about five miles each week between us, and have decided to use these miles to "swim" the coast of Britain. We have "parked the car" in Essex and are now swimming northward towards East Anglia.

We thought about joining Libby Purves and her son in Belgium, swimming to Paris or even to Australia, where my other daughter lives, but in the end decided that there was so much of our own country we have never seen that it would be more interesting to "visit" coastal towns.

If any other of your readers were similarly inspired by Libby Purves's article and swim regularly, perhaps they would like to add their miles to ours and join us on this exploration of Britain's coast.

We are not looking for prizes or sponsors, just encouragement, company and perhaps some help organising the "welcome home" party at the end.

Yours faithfully,
ANGELA McCULLOCH,
105 Layhams Road, Coney Hall,
West Wickham, Kent.
July 20.

Air safety

From Mr John F. Martin

Sir, Yesterday there was another aircraft collision at an air display. Fortunately, there were no serious casualties among pilots or spectators and little damage apart from the two Russian aircraft destroyed.

The display organisers say safety regulations had been enforced with a view to minimising the risk to spectators. Nevertheless, when aircraft collide and the pilots eject, it is impossible to forecast when and where the aircraft will hit the ground as this depends on their height and direction, together with the degree of damage and the remaining fuel supply.

Several years ago a pilot accidentally ejected over Wiltshire and the aircraft flew on for a considerable distance before crashing. As long as these dangerous aircraft manoeuvres are permitted, however well supervised, there is always the possibility that an abandoned aircraft will fly on for some time and ultimately cause many casualties and great damage somewhere far from the display.

Does this have to happen before such flying displays are prohibited?

Yours truly,
JOHN F. MARTIN,
57 Tycehurst Hill, Loughton, Essex.
July 25.

Wesley relics

From Mr G. C. Houghton

Sir, It is not only the Primitive Methodists but the Wesleyans also who are proud of their connection with their founder (Mrs Mansergh's letter, July 20). The Leys School is fortunate to have been given, by descendants of John Wesley's brother, not only the candlesticks he used on his countless travels but also his rosary.

It causes concern to some Methodists to think that John Wesley used a rosary but he was, of course, an Anglican priest before the foundation of the Methodist Church.

Yours faithfully,
G. C. HOUGHTON
(Archivist),
The Leys School, Cambridge.
July 21.

Value added

From Mrs Ann Newman

Sir, Yesterday, in with the "Get three for the price of two" and Try this free" supermarket placards, I read: "Luxury taramasalata." A pleasant food, but what would raise it to luxury status? Explanatory price tickets gave the answer: ordinary taramasalata contains "not less than 10 per cent fish", while the new, luxury grade has "not less than 12 per cent fish".

Yours faithfully,
ANN NEWMAN,
42 Letchworth Drive, Bromley, Kent.
July 20.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

July 28: His Excellency Herr Peter Hartmann was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Federal Republic of Germany to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy: Dr Friedrich Kroneck (Minister), Rear-Admiral Karlheinz Reichert (Defence and Naval Attaché), Mr Bernd Westphal (First Counsellor), Mr Friedrich Groning (First Counsellor), Mr Heinz Pampel (Counsellor), Mr Egon Kochanke (Counsellor), Mr Ernst Fischer (First Secretary) and Mr Robert Muller (Second Secretary).

Freifau von Blomberg-Hartmann was also received by The Queen.

Sir David Gillmore (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Mr Roger Westbrook (British High Commissioner to Tanzania) was received by Her Majesty.

Mr Justice Forbes was received by The Queen upon his appointment as a Justice of the High Court when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Bachelor.

The Queen this afternoon opened the new Turner Library and Rangoonwala Resource Centre at Whitefield School and Centre, Macdonald Road, Walthamstow, London E17.

Her Majesty was received by the Chairman, Whitefield Development Trust (mr Rex Pardoe), the Headmster (Mr Peter Turner) and the Mayor of the London Borough of Waltham Forest (Councillor Narinda Matheroo).

The Queen unveiled a commemorative plaque and afterwards toured the school and centre.

The Lady Susan Hussey, the Rt Hon Sir Robert Fellowes and Major James Patrick were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, today gave a Luncheon and held a meeting of the Trustees of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Foundation at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness this evening attended a Dinner in support of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award World Fellowship at St James's Palace.

The Queen was represented by Air Vice-Marshal Barry Newton at the afternoon party held by the "Not Forgotten" Association in the garden of Buckingham Palace.

July 28: The Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Foundation, this morning gave a Reception and this afternoon attended a meeting of the International Trustees at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness this evening attended a World Fellowship Dinner at St James's Palace.

July 28: The Princess Royal, Past Master, the Worshipful Company of Farriers, this morning attended the Liveryman's Conference, Guildhall, London EC2, and was received by the Rt Hon the Lord Mayor (Sir Francis McWilliams).

Her Royal Highness this afternoon visited the UK Sailing Centre, Arctic Road, West Cowes, and was received by Her Majesty's Governor and Lord-Lieutenant for Isle of Wight (the Lord Mottistone).

The Princess Royal, President, Royal Yachting Association, this evening attended the 1993 Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup Opening Reception, Royal Yacht Squadron, the Castle, Cowes.

KENSINGTON PALACE

July 28: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, this afternoon took the Salute at a Performance of the Royal Tournament at Earls Court, London SW5. Dame Jean Maxwell-Scott was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE

July 28: The Duke of Kent, President, the Scout Association, this morning opened the Jamboree Cymru at Glanusk Park, Crickhowell, Powys, Wales and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Powys (Mr Mervyn Bourdillon). Captain Alex Tetley was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this evening took the Salute at the Royal Tournament, Earls Court, London SW5. Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

RICHMOND PARK

July 28: Princess Alexandra today took the Salute at The Queen's Review of the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell, Lincolnshire.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Lincolnshire (Captain Sir Henry Nevile). The Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

Stargazers' guide to the August night sky

By Michael Hendrie

Astronomy Correspondent

MERCURY starts the month as a morning star, reaching greatest western elongation (19 deg) on the 4th. It brightens quickly from +0.7 to -1.0 magnitude by the 16th and it should be visible low in the east about 04h during the second week of August. During the second half of the month it moves rapidly to superior conjunction on the 29th.

Venus moves through Gemini into Cancer and in August the -3.9 magnitude planet can be seen again in a dark sky for the first time since March. The waning crescent Moon passes just to the south of Venus on the 15th.

Mars has moved on into Virgo but sets by 19h 45m by the 31st, only an hour after the Sun and, will not be visible again this year.

Jupiter is also in Virgo, the -1.7 magnitude planet setting at the same time as Mars late in the month. Being much brighter than Mars, it should be seen low in the west after sunset. Moon to the south on the 20th/21st.

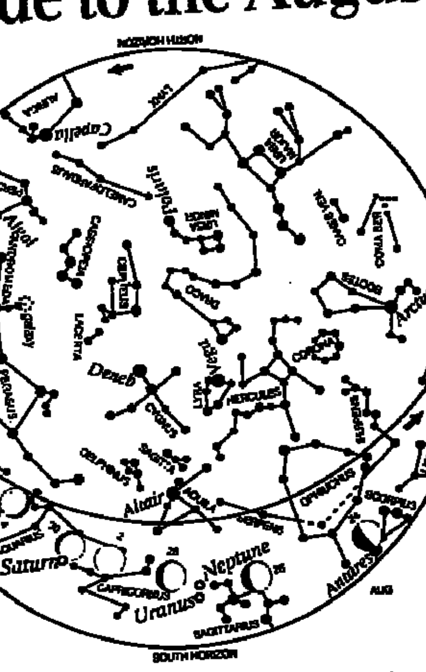
Saturn is at opposition on the 19th and then becomes an evening star. It is Aquarius for most of the month but its retrograde motion carries it back just over the border and into Capricornus by the 31st. The 0.4 magnitude planet sets by 04h by the 31st. Moon nearby on the 3rd and again on the 30th/31st.

Uranus and Neptune are in Sagittarius setting by 01h by the end of the month. Moon nearby on the 28th.

The Moon: full Moon, 2d 12h; last quarter, 10d 15h; new Moon, 17d 19h; first quarter, 24d 10h.

Sunset on the 1st is at 19h 50m and on the 31st at 18h 50m, while sunrise is at 04h 20m and 05h 10m on the same dates. Astronomical Twilight ends at 22h 50m and 21h 00m early and late in the month and begins again at 01h 15m and 03h 00m.

Algol, the variable star in Perseus, fades from 2.1 to 3.4 magnitude every 69 hours. It can be seen when faint this month about the following times: 6d 02h, 8d 23h, 29d 01h and 31d 22h.



The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon in the latitude of London at 23h (11 pm) at the beginning, 22h (10 pm) in the middle, and 21h (9 pm) at the end of the month, local mean time. At places away from the Greenwich meridian the Greenwich times at which the diagram applies are later than the above by one hour for each 15 deg west of Greenwich and earlier by a like amount if the place be east. The map should be turned so that the horizon the observer is facing (shown by the words around the circle) is at the bottom, the zenith being at the centre. Greenwich Mean Time, known to astronomers as Universal Time and expressed in 24-hour notation, is used in the accompanying notes unless otherwise stated.

The annual Perseids meteor shower reaches maximum activity on the night of the 12th/13th when more than k60 per hour can often be seen. With the Moon at last quarter on the 10th and not rising until shortly before midnight on the 12th, conditions this year are fairly favourable, especially during the first part of the night.

The small area of sky from which shower meteors like the Perseids appear to come is called the radiant. Regardless of where in the sky the meteors appear, if their paths are traced backwards they will meet within the radiant area, if they belong to the shower.

The Perseids' radiant area lies near the end star of a line of three (in Perseus) pointing towards the 'W' of Cassiopei. The chart shows the sky as it will be at about 22h (11pm BST) on the 12th/13th with Perseus and Cassiopeia already well up in the northeastern sky.

The Perseids' meteor shower is rich in bright meteors. Meteors are small particles of dust, snow and ice, the debris of comets.

They enter the Earth's upper atmosphere at many kilometres per second and although the particles themselves are much too tiny to be seen, they collide with the air molecules and produce the streaks of light we call a meteor or shooting star. In many cases the comets responsible for producing the streams of debris orbiting the Sun that we see as meteor showers are still observable: for example, the Orionids move in a similar orbit to Halley's Comet.

The parent comet of the Perseids is Comet Swift-Tuttle, which was much in the news last year. First observed in 1737 by a missionary in China, it was found again by chance in 1862 when it became a bright naked-eye object with a fine tail. Predicted to return in the early 1980s, it was not recovered until September 1992. It became a 5th magnitude object, just visible to the naked eye, in the evening sky during November and early December, before moving into the southern hemisphere.

Its orbit is now much more accurately known and it should be close to the Sun again in July 2126, when it should be brighter with a tail. Often meteor showers are most active when the parent comets are nearby, and with Swift-Tuttle passing Perihelion as recently as December 1992, a strong showing of the Perseidsin 1993 is a distinct possibility.

In 1991 there was a burst of stronger activity. Last year, the Moon was full on the 13th and the weather over the British Isles generally cloudy and nothing unusual was seen. However, in countries further to the east, where it was dark earlier, a burst of intense activity was seen that this was supported by radio observations in the UK, which can be made in daylight. So more and brighter meteors than usual may be seen here this year on the 12th/13th, or possibly a day or two earlier or later.

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr T.J. Brill and Miss C.L. Bull

The engagement is announced between Timothy, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Brill, of Dorking, Surrey, and Lucy, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Bull, of Horsham, Sussex.

Mr J.P. Cant and Miss A.J. Powell-Brett

The engagement is announced between James, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Robert Cant, of Melbourne, Australia, and Arabella, eldest daughter of Dr Christopher Powell-Brett and Mrs Lorna Powell-Brett, of London.

Mr J.R.B. Moore and Miss M-C. O'Sullivan

The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Moore, of Lindsey, Suffolk, and Marie-Claire (Snaggy), daughter of Mr and Mrs John O'Sullivan, of Dunlavin, County Wicklow, Ireland.

Mr J.S. Vila and Miss C.E. Fea

The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs Angel Vila, of Cobham, Surrey, and Caroline, eldest daughter of the late Mr Richard Fea and of Mrs Fea, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

Mr T.D. Clifton and Miss L.C.A. Grigson

The engagement is announced between Toby, son of Mr and Mrs Dudley Clifton, of Emsworth, Hampshire, and formerly of East Malling, Kent, and Lucy, daughter of Mr Nigel Grigson, of Welborne, Norfolk, and Mrs Angela Paxman, of Mayfield, Sussex.

Mr J.P.H. Cook and Miss S.J.E. Kopanski

The engagement is announced between Julian, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Alan Cook, of St Ann's Chapel, Cornwall, and Sophie, elder daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Tadzik Kopanski, of Admington, Warwickshire.

Mr T.W.A. Gilliatt and Miss S.C. Lance

The engagement is announced between Thomas, son of the late Professor Roger Gilliatt and of Mrs Mary Gilliatt, of New York, USA, and Sophie, youngest daughter of Professor and Mrs James Lance, of Sydney, Australia.

Mr A. Glover and Miss S.J. Collier

The engagement is announced between Alec, son of Mr and Mrs Roy Glover, of Grappenhall, Warrington, Cheshire, and Sarah Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Collier, of Whitechapel, Preston, Lancashire.

Major M.D. Harris and Miss N.M. Barber

The engagement is announced between Major Mark Harris, The Light Dragoons, youngest son of Colonel and Mrs George Harris, of Chatham, Kent, and Nicola, daughter of Commander and Mrs Felix Barber, of Upnor, Kent.

Mr H.J.R. Lane and Miss P.E. Hillier-Fry

The engagement is announced between Henry, only son of the late Captain and Mrs H.J.F. Lane, and Patricia, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W.N. Hillier-Fry, of Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey.

Mr H.A.J. Lupton and Miss S.M. Lambourn

The engagement is announced between Hugh, elder son of Mr C.J. Lupton, of New York, and Mrs Peter Grubb, of Canary Islands, and Sarah Margaret, younger daughter of the late Mr Simon Lambourn and of Mrs Richard Austin, of Teddington.

Mr D.E.S. Price and Miss A.C.W. Batty

The engagement is announced between Dominic, son of Mr Robert Price and the late Mrs Babette Price, of Chestfield, Kent, and Aloise, daughter of Mr Michael Batty, of Henley-on-Thames, Oxon, and Mrs Elizabeth Batty, of Honiton, Devon.

Mr T.W. Vine and Miss E.A. Gore

The engagement is announced between Timothy William, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Brian Vine, of Cranleigh, Surrey, and Elizabeth Anne, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Gore, of Ewhurst, Surrey.

Mr A.E. Agnew and Miss S.M. Gilmore

The engagement is announced between Andrew, youngest son of Sir Godfrey Agnew and the late Ruth Agnew, and stepson of Lady Agnew, of Ascot, and Stella, daughter of Mrs Elizabeth Gilmore, of Plymtree, Devon, and Major Stephen Gilmore, of Edinburgh.

Marriages

Mr A.D.J.B. Collins and Miss C.M. Braine

The marriage took place on Wednesday, July 28, at The Oratory, Brompton, of Mr Andrew Dominic John Bucke Collins, son of Prebendary J.T.C.B. and Mrs Collins, and Miss Caroline Braine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Braine. Father John Fordham officiated, assisted by Prebendary J.T.C.B. Collins.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Emma and Elizabeth Paget, Lady Olivia Marquis, Cressida Connolly and Otto Bruce. Mr Richard Corfield was best man.

The reception was held at Syon Park.

Mr S.C.W. Moorehead and Miss B. Rimmer

The marriage took place on Saturday, July 17, at St Mary's Church, Bowdon, Cheshire, of Mr Simon Moorehead, only son of Mrs S. Moorehead, of Hale, Cheshire, and Mr P.G. Moorehead, of Maidstone, Kent, to Miss Barbara Rimmer, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Rimmer, of Upton, Wirral.

A reception was held at Arley Hall, Cheshire, and the honeymoon will be spent in China.

Mr R.J.L. Philpott and Miss L.F. Valpy

The marriage took place on Saturday, July 24, at Canterbury Cathedral, of Russell Philpott and Lisa Valpy. The Very Rev J.A. Simpson, MA, Dean of Canterbury, officiated.

Birthdays

Professor Gustav Born, pharmacologist, 72; Professor Patricia Clarke, biochemist, 74; Sir Michael Davies, former High Court judge, 72; Miss Kay Dick, writer, 78; Lieutenant-Colonel H.M. Ervine-Andrews, VC, 82; Mr Max Faulkner, golfer, 77; Sir Leslie Fielding, former vice-chancellor, Sussex University, 61; Lord Grimond, 80; Miss Sally Gunnell, athlete, 27; Mr Joe Johnson, snooker player, 41; Professor Sir Robert Kilpatrick, president, General Medical Council, 67; the Marquess of Normanby, KG, 81; Mr J.M. Pickard, chairman, London Docklands Development Corporation, 61; Viscount Ridley, KG, 68; Sir John Saunders, former chairman, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, 76; Lord Scarman, 82; Mr A.J. Stevens, veterinarian, 67; Miss Wendy Taylor, sculptor, 48; Mr Mikis Theodorakis, composer, 68; Lord Weinstock, 69.

Sally Gunnell, the athlete, is 27 today

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: George Bradshaw, originator of railway guides, Salford, 1801; Alexis Charles de Tocqueville, historian, Paris, 1805; Benito Mussolini, Italian dictator, Predappio, Italy, 1883; Dag Hammarskjöld, Secretary General of the UN 1953-61, Jönköping, Sweden, 1905.

DEATHS: Thomas Stucley, adventurer, killed at the battle of Alcazar, 1578; William Wilberforce, leader of the anti-slavery movement, London, 1833; Robert Schumann, composer, Bonn, 1856; Vincent Van Gogh, painter, committed suicide, Auvers-sur-Oise, 1890.

John Alexander Newlands, chemist, London, 1898; King Umberto I of Italy 1878-1900, assassinated, Monza, 1900; Sir John Barbirolli, conductor, London, 1970; Luis Bunuel, Spanish film director, Mexico City, 1983.

Sir Francis Drake, told of the sighting of the Spanish Armada, put to sea with the British fleet, 1588.

Church news

The Rev Alan Payne, Rector, Stanningley: to be Rector, Kippax w Allerton Bywater Team Ministry, and remaining also Assistant Officer for Local Ministry (Ripon).

The Rev Nicholas Pedley, Assistant Curate, Stafford St John the Baptist, Lichfield: to be Resident Minister, Kingswinford, Church of the Ascension (Lichfield).

The Rev Dr Alvyn Pettersen, Chaplain, Fellow and Tutor of Theology, Exeter College, Oxford: to be Vicar, St Mary, Frensham (Guildford).

The Rev David Picken, Assistant Curate, Worth (Chichester): to be Team Vicar, Wordsley Team Ministry w special responsibility for High Acres (Lichfield).

The Rev Andrew Procter, Vicar, St Barnabas, Heaton (Bradford): to be Vicar, St Paul, Swanley w St Peter, Hextable (Rochester).

The Rev Duncan Reed, Vicar, Benfieldside: to be Priest-in-charge, Whickham (Durham).

The Rev Alan Sessford, Vicar, Burton and Sopley: to be also Rural Dean of Christchurch (Winchester).

The Rev David Shaw, Assistant Curate, St Giles, Sheldon: to be Team Rector, St Andrew, Chelmsley Wood (Birmingham).

The Rev Canon David Slater, formerly Vicar, Bulford, Figheldean and Milston: to be the incumbent (first), Avon Valley (Salisbury).

The Rev Brian Smith, formerly Chaplain RAF Lyneham and Vicar Lyneham and Bradenstoke (Salisbury): to be Staff Chaplain to the Chaplain-in-Chief, RAF, Surrey.

The Rev John Stevenson, Rector, Bezuidenhout Valley, Johannesburg, South Africa: to be Vicar, Broom Leys, St David (Leicester).

The Rev Mary Stokes, Assistant Curate, Pheasey (Lichfield): to be Assistant Curate, St Mary, Walton on Thames (Guildford).

The Rev Paul Thomas, Priest-in-charge, Thorp Arch w Walton and part-time Clergy Training Officer for the York Archdeaconry: to be Vicar, Nether w Upper Poppleton (York).

The Rev Canon John Townroe, non-residentiary Canon, Salisbury Cathedral: was appointed a Canon Emeritus of Salisbury Cathedral on retirement, May 31, 1993.

The Rev Nicholas von Benson, permission to officiate, Lewes episcopal area: now NSM Assistant to the Rural Dean of Dallington (Chichester).

The Rev Stephen Waine, a Minor Canon and Succentor of St Paul's Cathedral (London): to be Vicar, Romford, St Edward (Chelmsford).

The Rev Ian Watts, Assistant Curate, St Bridget, West Kirby: to be Vicar, St Thomas, High Lane (Chester).

The Rev Robert Watts, Assistant Curate, Partington w Carrington: to be Priest-in-charge, Christ Church, Tintwistle (Chester).

The Rev Stein West-Lindell, Rector, Orlestone w Snave and Ruckinge w Warehorne (Canterbury): to be Rector, Byfield w Boddington and Aston-le-Walls (Peterborough).

The Rev Canon Dr Derek Whitehead, Director, Diocesan Board of Education (Chichester): to be also Priest-in-charge (NSM), Fletching (Chichester).

The Rev Roger Wild, Vicar, Holy Trinity, Ripon: to be Rector, Barwick-in-Elmet w Scholes (Ripon).

The Rev Peris Williams, Vicar, St Hildeburgh, Hoylake: to be Rector, Holy Trinity, Blacon (Chester).

The Rev Oliver Woodman, permission to officiate, Lewes Episcopal area: now Assistant (NSM) to the Rural Dean of Eastbourne (Chichester).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Norman Bedford, Vicar, Dedham, and Lecturer (Chelmsford): to retire as from October 30.

The Rev Richard Biggerstaff, Curate, Brighton the Resurrection (Chichester): now resigned.

The Rev David Chaning-Pearce, Vicar, Midhurst, and Rector, Woolbeding (Chichester): to retire as from September 1.

The Gamester, Rector, Bexhill, St Mark (Chichester): to retire as from September 30.

The Rev David Grigor, Chaplain, Warminster School (Salisbury): to resign as from August 31.

University news

Cambridge

Dr Shanker Sharma, President of India, received an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws in a traditional ceremony at the Senate House. It was conferred by the Duke of Edinburgh, the Chancellor, at a ceremony attended by members of his family, colleagues from the Indian government and Indian students at Cambridge.

The President studied law at the university and received his PhD in 1952. Nehru and Rajiv Ghandi are among other distinguished Indian leaders who have studied at Cambridge.

King's College

Elected into an official fellowship under statute EVI5 (Electors) from October 1:

Rosaleen A McCarthy, BSc (Leicester), PhD (Leicester), university lecturer in psychology.

Elected into an official fellowship under statute EVI5 (Council) from January 1:

Peter Lipton BA (Wesleyan), DPhil (Oxford), University assistant lecturer in philosophy.

University of Wales

The Council of the College of Medicine is pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Ian R Cameron MA, DM Oxon, FRCP as Provost-elect to succeed Professor Sir Herbert Duthie, who is to retire in September, 1994.

University of Kent

The University of Kent has announced the following promotions to personal chairs with effect from June 1: Dr Howard Gospel, Reader in Industrial Relations, has been appointed Professor of Industrial Relations. Dr Mary Evans, Senior Lecturer in Sociology and Director of Women's Studies, has been appointed Professor of Women's Studies. Dr Keith Hanna, Senior Lecturer in Electronics, has been appointed Reader in Formal Design Methods.

Manchester Grammar School

Dr Martin Stephen, headmaster of the Perse School, Cambridge, is to become High Master of Manchester Grammar School in September 1994.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will take the salute at the Royal Tournament at Earls Court at 2.00.

The Princess Royal, Patron of the XXXIInd International Congress of Physiology, will attend the workshop for physiologists from developing countries at Eden Court Theatre, Bishops Road, Inverness, at 11.20.

Princess Alexandra will take the salute at the Royal Tournament at Earls Court at 7.15.

Reception

Prime Minister

The Prime Minister was host at a reception held yesterday evening at 10 Downing Street in honour of the President of Colombia and Señora de Gaviria.

Party

"Not Forgotten" Association

The Queen was represented by Air Vice-Marshal B. H. Newton at the annual "Not Forgotten" Association garden party held yesterday in the grounds of Buckingham Palace. He received the guests with Mr John Brunel Cohen, chairman, and Mrs Cohen.

Others present included: Air Marshal Sir Denis Crowley-Milling, Field Marshal Lord Bramall, KG, Admiral Sir David Williams, Brigadier Helen Cattanach and Lieutenant-Colonel David Martin.

The band of The Blues and Royals played during the afternoon and there was a concert arranged by Miss Anne Shelton.

Luncheon

Carlton Club

Sir Brian Goswell, Vice-Chairman of the Political Committee of the Carlton Club, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at the club. Mrs Virginia Bottomley, Secretary of State for Health, was the guest of honour and speaker and Mr Ian Taylor MP also spoke.

Dinner

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, World Fellowship

The Duke of Edinburgh and Prince Edward attended a dinner at St James's Palace last night given by the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, World Fellowship. Mr Bob Hasan was the host. The Duke of Edinburgh, Mr Bob Hasan and Mr Eric Koops spoke.

Service

The Right Rev Falkner Allison

A Service of Thanksgiving for the late Bishop Falkner Allison, Bishop of Chelmsford 1951-61, Bishop of Winchester 1961-74, will be held in Winchester Cathedral on Thursday, September 16, 1993, at 3.00pm. No tickets are required.

Appointments

Hong Kong

The Hon Mr Justice Mortimer has been appointed a Justice of Appeal in Hong Kong, and Mr J. Chan, Deputy Registrar, Supreme Court, Mr Anthony Rogers QC and Mr Michael Stuart-Moore QC have been appointed Judges of the High Court of Hong Kong.

Legal news

Appointment

Malcolm James Read to be a Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate with effect from August 23.

High Court Bench

The Queen has been pleased to approve the appointment of Her Honour Judge Anne Heather Steel and His Honour Judge Christopher Stuart Stuart-White to be Justices of the High Court.

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, will assign Judge Steel to the to the Queen's Bench Division and Judge Stuart-White to the Family Division.

Circuit Bench

The Queen has signified her intention of appointing John Francis Beashel to be a Circuit Judge.

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, will assign Mr Beashel to the Western Circuit.

Inner Temple

The Rt Hon Sir Stephen Brown has been elected Treasurer for 1994. The Rt Hon Lord Justice Hirst has been elected Reader for 1994.

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BIRTHS

CROLE - On July 23rd to Davina and Duncan, a daughter.

GALE - On July 21st, to Sarah (née Barty) and Iain, a son, Alexander James William.

GOOD - On 28th July to Amanda (née Cole) and Tim, a daughter, Lara Elizabeth, a sister for Amy, Sam and Lydia.

HAMMOND - On July 24th, to Catherine and Tim, a daughter, Katharine Alexandra, a sister for Clare and Rebecca.

HARRIS - On July 20th 1993 at The Portland Hospital to Louise (née Hyams) and David a beautiful darling daughter Olivia Victoria weighing 7lb 2¼ozs.

LEONARD - On 26th July at Queen Mary's Roehampton to Sophie (née Harris) and Simon, a daughter, Ruby Maud.

MORLAND - On July 28th to Isobel (née Polkinghorne) and Timothy, a daughter, Elizabeth Rachel, a sister for Katherine, Edward and William.

PHEYSEY - On 21st July 1993, to Helen (née Fifield) and Paul, a daughter, Honor Alexandra.

ROBARTS - On 26th July to Emma (née Thompson) and Charles, a son, Alexander Richard.

STRICKLAND - On July 26th 1993, to Lindsey (née German) and Dominic, a son, Frederick Charles, a brother to Hector.

TESTER - On 27th July to Margaret (née O'Hara) and Stephen, a son, Charles Michael, A [illegible]

THURSBY-PELHAM - On July 26th to Zoe (née Moseley) and Douglas a daughter Victoria Alice, a sister for Alexandra and Charles.

TURNOR - On 26th July to Louisa (née Forbes) and Richard, a daughter, Rosalind Mary, a sister for William and Elizabeth.

WHITTOW - On 20th May to Mark and Helen (née Malcolm) a son George Malcolm Whittow.

DEATHS

ADAMS - On 28th July 1993 peacefully in hospital Group Captain Reginald Ernest Ryder R.A.F. (retired) Bill of Charlton, Hawthorn. Beloved husband of Margaret, much loved father, stepfather and grandfather. Funeral Service 2 pm on Monday 2nd August at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Charlton, Hawthorn. Garden flowers only please, donations if desired for R.A.F. Benevolent Fund, c/o Eason Funeral Services, Newell, Sherbourne, Dorset.

CAMPBELL - Mary, on 24th July 1993 in St Thomas' Hospital. Widow of R.M.H. "Roddy" Campbell MBE, mother of Roderic and Michael, grandmother of Diarmid. A much loved, generous lady with true "gaieté de coeur" who will be greatly missed. Service on Thursday 5th August at South London Crematorium at 1.00 pm. Family flowers - donations, if desired, to St Thomas' Special Trust Fund Cancer Research, York Road, SE1.

COVIELLO - On July 26th peacefully at home Sally, much loved wife of Edward and daughter of Queenie. After a long illness borne with great courage and dignity. Her lovely personality will always be with us. Service at St Paul's Church, Hartington Road, Chiswick W4 on 4th August 1.30 pm. Family flowers, but donations to The Multiple Sclerosis Society. Enquiries to: W S Bond 081 994 0277

COWAN - (Stables) Frances Elizabeth Newall peacefully on 27th July 1993 Betty Cowan, much loved widow of the late Lt. Col. F.H.A. Stables and afterwards of the late Major General Punch Cowan. Dearly loved mother of Sue, Jane and Tessa and grandmother of Hannah, Lucy, John and Andrew. Funeral Service at St Paul's Church, Fisherton Street, Salisbury, Wiltshire on Tuesday 3rd August at 2.15 pm. Flowers and enquiries to H.A. Harrold & Son. Tel. 0722 321177.

CRAWFORD - On Tuesday 27th July 1993 in his 82nd year, Prof. Sir Theo (Theodore). Beloved husband of Priscilla (and the late Dr. Margaret Crawford), and much loved father of Helen, Dorothy, Robin, Patricia and Graham, and grandfather. Funeral Service at St Marylebone Parish Church, Marylebone Road, London NW1 on Friday 6th August at 2 pm. Family flowers only.

DAYER-SMITH - Sybil Marie Victoria passed peacefully away at Foxley Grove Nursing Home, Holyport on Monday 26th July 1993. Cremation to take place on Wednesday 4th August 1993 at Slough Crematorium at 3.30 pm. Flowers and all enquiries to F G Pymm & Son. 0628 23822.

EDGE - On July 27th Joseph Leonard of Marlow. Cremation private. No flowers, donations to N.S.P.C.C.

GRIFFITH - C.H.W. (Hugh) 1926-1993, peacefully on July 24th at home at Dryslwyn Carmarthen. Loved and missed by all the family and friends. Funeral Service Monday August 2nd at St Mary's Church, Court Henry at 2.30 pm. No flowers by request. Donations if desired to Llandeilo Surgery or Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund will be accepted by David W. Watkins Funeral Service, 17 Thomas Street, Llandeilo, Dyfed SA19 6LB

GRUNFELD - On July 27th, Lotte, aged 87, wife of Henry and mother of Thomas and of the late Louisa Lewisohn. Cremation private.

HETLEY - On July 24th 1993 peacefully in hospital, Frederick Long, aged 86 years, of Colyton, Devon. Last surviving son of Dr. and Mrs. H.Hetley of Norwood. Funeral Service at St. Andrew's Church, Colyton Thursday, August 5th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers or donations, if desired, to Seaton Hospital League of Friends at the Church or c/o Lloyds Bank, Colyton. Enquiries to Richards, Colyton, Tel: 0297 552333

JOHNS - On July 27th 1993, peacefully and with dignity in Busbridge Hall Nursing Home, Col. William Henry Johns O.B.E. aged 79, a fighter until the end. A dearly loved lost and found father and grandfather who will be remembered by many. Funeral Service at Busbridge Parish Church, Godalming, Surrey on Thursday August 5th at 12.15pm, followed by burial. Funeral arrangements by J. Gorringe & Son. Tel: 0483 416403.

MILNE-HOME - On 27th July 1993 peacefully at Hays Park Nursing Home, Shaftesbury, Captain Archie Milne-Home aged 84 years. Beloved husband of Betty and much loved father and grandfather. Funeral Service at Semley Parish Church, nr Shaftesbury on Tuesday 3rd August at 2 pm. A Memorial Service will be held later at Caddonfoot Kirk, Selkirkshire. Family flowers only Donations if desired to King George V Fund for Sailors or Parkinsons Disease Society may be sent to G.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Directors, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

MOHAMMED - Sulaiman Bin Oli Mohammed. Friends and family regret to announce Sulaiman's (Shah) death on 28th July 8.24 am 1993 He will be sorely missed by everybody May his soul rest in peace with Allah. No cards, no flowers, donations to Save The Children's Fund.

TOULMIN - On 27th July, 1993 peacefully at Edenhall Marie Curie Centre, Roger Toulmin of Hampstead. Requiem Mass at 10.30 am on Saturday 31st July at St. Dominic's Priory, Southampton Road, London NW5. Family flowers only. Donations to Edenhall Marie Curie Centre, 11 Lyndhurst Gardens, London NW3.

WALLER - On July 27th 1993 peacefully William much loved husband, father and grandfather. Service All Saints Church Marlow, Monday August 2nd at noon. No flowers, donations to League of Friends of Marlow Hospital.

WILLIAMS - Shirley Margaret, aged 66 years on July 26th, 1993 in Cheltenham General Hospital after a short illness. Much loved by husband Stan and family Sue, Simon, Biddy, Nicholas and James. The Funeral Service will take place at Gloucester Crematorium on Tuesday August 3rd at 11.30a.m. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Lilleybrook Ward, Cheltenham General Hospital.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

LAMB:SIM - On 29th July 1933 at the West Kirk of St Andrew, Aberdeen David Alexander Lamb to Agnes Donaldson Sim. Love from David and Rosemary and all the family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oman British Friendship Association holds its first London Business Forum today, chaired by Mr Yahya Naeib and Sir Peter Cazalet. This follows an inaugural dinner for the Omani/British participants last night.

WILL Margaret Hunter Leitch or Higgins (born 7th January 1928) wife of Hugh Garland Higgins and daughter of John Leitch and Margaret Ratcliffe Pryde or Leitch please contact Drummond Miller, W.S. 31/32 Moray Place, Edinburgh, reference EAM/SJB (Solicitors for the Executor of the late John Pryde).

WOULD the literary executors or anyone who knows the whereabouts of the literary executors of Sir Charles Oman, Reginald Cleaver, Harry Price, please contact Michael Downey on Tel: 071-436 5070 Fax: 071-580 3001

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FRANCIS BOUYGUES

Francis Bouygues, founder of the world's largest construction company, television tycoon and film financier, died on July 24 at Saint-Coulomb, near St Malo, Brittany, aged 71. He was born in Paris on December 5, 1922.

NO ONE — since Baron Georges Haussmann carved out the main boulevards in the 19th century — put his personal stamp on Paris in the manner of Francis Bouygues. Known as "Le Roi du Béton" (the king of concrete), Bouygues's construction firm bearing his name was responsible for Charles de Gaulle Airport, the Parc des Princes football and rugby stadium, the Palais de Congrès, the renovation of the Musée d'Orsay, the massive Grande Arche de la Défense and, more recently, controversial riverside towers on the Left Bank that will shortly house the Bibliothèque Nationale. He had been trying to persuade the authorities to let him build a network of road tunnels under the capital.

From 1952, Bouygues created the world's biggest public works company with a turnover close to £6 billion employing 84,000 people in France and around the world. Overseas, he built the mammoth university in Riyadh, dams in Canada, bridges in the Middle East and Hong Kong, a huge mosque in Casablanca, apartments in Bangkok, and a stadium in Tehran for the late Shah.

He was also a member of the French consortium involved with the Channel Tunnel. His influence was such that he drove through the project for a bridge linking La Rochelle and the Ile de Ré, off the Atlantic coast, despite fierce opposition from environmentalists led by Commandant Jacques-Yves Cousteau.

He had his way, too, when the 1986-88 right-wing government privatised the main TV channel, TF1. He secured 25 per cent, beating off a strong challenge from fellow tycoon, Jean-Luc Lagardère, chairman of Hachette and the Matra defence company.

Under Bouygues, TF1 saw its audience share rise to 40%. For a while he was associated at the channel with Robert Maxwell who later sold his stake over dissatisfaction with the rise in profits. It was said at the time that he had met his match in the tough French capitalist whose family hailed from the Auvergne. His last major diversification was film production with some 20 films, including *The Piano* by New Zealander Jane Campion, co-winner of this year's Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival.

He ruled his empire with an iron hand employing a mixture of authoritarianism and paternalism, grooming his sons to take over from him. His style was symbolised by the vast neo-classical company headquarters he built at Saint Quentin-en-Yvelines, near Versailles, and the existence within the company of a group of élite workers, Les Compagnons de Monorange (orange is the company colour), who tackled the most difficult construction tasks and who were thrown into the breach whenever industrial action — extremely rare within the company — threatened a project.

His multitude of companies, 1,500 in all, spanned autoroute construction, nuclear power stations, water distribution in France and Britain, electricity, services to cities and towns, cheap housing and even flour production. Over the years, he cultivated many political contacts, notably with the Gaullists, and regally ignored charges that he had taken TF1, with its new diet of variety and game shows, downmarket. This was certainly the case, but the channel's dominant ratings silenced critics.

At Bouygues's birth, the family was settled into a comfortable middle-class lifestyle in Paris where Bouygues's father was an engineer. The son followed in his father's footsteps by attending a top engineering school, Centrale. He differed from his other brothers in always wanting to be his own boss.

Starting with family loans of some £10,000, he grew quickly through hard work, ambition, family contacts and as utiliser of then new methods of pre-stressed concrete. He won early contracts for a Carrefour supermarket and an IBM building. By 1960, his turnover had risen to an annual £6 million, but that was just a beginning. The next decade, a period of rapid growth for France, saw Bouygues's swift ascent to the top of the profession and his spread overseas.

At home, he built both low-cost housing and prestige buildings. The construction of the Parc des Princes stadium in Paris involved advanced methods of broad spans of concrete. When part of the stadium risked collapsing a few years later, Bouygues quickly gathered together his Compagnons one weekend and the team worked day and night to save the structure. As a reward, he threw a banquet for his men (motto: "We love challenges that mean progress") and sent them and their wives on a holiday to the tropics.

His relationship with top executives over the years was far less tranquil. They came and went, often accusing him of dictatorial methods. Tensions at the "mini-Versailles" with its park, lakes, sweeping driveways and ornamental columns increased when it was obvious that Bouygues intended his sons to succeed him. The eldest, Nicholas, however, also slammed the door after bitter disputes with his father. Bouygues chose his youngest son, Martin, as heir.

He handed over the reins a year ago and devoted himself to his film company, Ciby 2000, which he hoped to build into a rival to Hollywood. He financed David Lynch's *Twin Peaks*, Pedro Almodovar's *High Heels* and then Campion's *The Piano*. "Television burns itself up whereas films are more solid — like concrete", he was fond of saying.

He retired to Brittany where, as with Joseph P. Kennedy, the houses for his children ringed his own. He leaves his widow and four children.

WILLIAM DAVISON

William Davison, TD, former consultant physician in geriatric medicine to Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, died of cancer in Cambridge on July 15 aged 67. He was born in Sunderland on September 12, 1925.

FOR thirty years the practice of geriatric medicine in Cambridge was indissolubly linked with the name of Bill Davison, and over this period it blossomed under his leadership.

On his appointment as Cambridge's first consultant physician in the speciality in 1960 he inherited a dilapidated workhouse full of the chronic sick with very poor facilities for investigation and treatment, and no tradition of rehabilitation and maintenance of elderly patients in the community.

By the time he retired in 1990, he had forged a well-found department based on Addenbrooke's Hospital with an active teaching commitment and a chair in clinical gerontology, which he had played a key part in creating. This progress was made possible through his many personal qualities in addition to his acknowledged clinical expertise.

Perhaps partly on account of the military experience gained from National Service, he was a shrewd tactician and adept at marshalling his arguments when campaigning for scarce resources in committee meetings. His turn of phrase was usually mellifluous, diplomatic and witty, but it could on occasion be brutally direct, though still delivered with the same unruffled urbanity.

His verbal skills made him much in demand as a lecturer and writer both nationally and internationally, and his articles and books made him numerous friends throughout the world. At a local level, his activities extended beyond the bounds of his own discipline, and he was a very effective member of Cambridge Health Authority from 1984 to 1988, where his wisdom guided the authority through many difficult decisions. He was also president of Age Concern, Cambridgeshire, for many years until his death.

Another side of his life was the keen interest he took in the RAMC following National Service as a medical officer in Hong Kong. He rose to be Colonel commanding 308 (County of London) General Hospital from 1981 to 1985, and in this capacity he was appointed Queen's Honorary Physician in 1983-84. Yet another commitment was his membership of the General Nursing Council from 1978 until its dissolution in 1983.

A determination to further the cause of the medical care of old people was of a piece with his general character. He was an extraordinarily kind and gregarious man who took a benevolent interest in his students and the young doctors working in his department.

He suffered from a prolonged, serious, and distressing illness which restricted his activities before and after his retirement, but bore it with fortitude and humour.

He leaves his widow Lilas and three children.

CAPTAIN HENRY DENHAM

Captain Henry Denham, CMG, British naval attaché in Stockholm, 1940-47, died on July 15 aged 95. He was born on September 9, 1897.

LIKE so many providers of useful intelligence to the higher directorate of war operations, Henry Denham was often fated to have his offerings ignored. But his warning of May 20, 1941, that two large warships had been sighted moving from the Baltic through the Kattegat into the outer seas, was immediately heeded by the Admiralty. It set in train the concentration of naval forces which ended in the sinking of the German battleship *Bismarck*, and eliminated one of the two most dangerous surface ship threats to British convoys which existed at that time.

The destruction of the *Bismarck* by British battleships and cruisers was a fillip to national morale in a period when Greece had fallen and the forlorn battle for Crete was raging. In the Commons a beleaguered Churchill was heartily glad to be able to give the House something to cheer about. The negative effect of this victory on Churchill's thinking was that it gave him an exaggerated idea of the importance of big ships in naval strategic calculations. This clouded his judgment when, later in the year, he dispatched *Prince of Wales* and *Repulse* to meet their doom at the hands of Japanese aircraft.

Denham owed his success on this occasion to the excellent contacts he nurtured in the international diplomatic/intelligence community. He had heard news of the sighting of *Bismarck* and the heavy cruiser *Prinz Eugen* from the Norwegian military attaché in Stockholm.

But he was not always so lucky when it came to having the veracity of his reports accepted by the Admiralty. When, in April 1940, he signalled that he had personally seen the German heavy cruiser *Blücher* and other naval units moving towards Norway and that an invasion seemed highly likely, he was (as were other reports tending to the same conclusion) ignored. Thus the Germans, with only a handful of ships, were able to steal Norway from under the nose of Europe's greatest naval power with consequences which were to be dire for the remaining years of the war.

Henry Mangles Denham joined the Navy before the first world war and in August 1914 went to sea in the battleship *Agamemnon*, an old, slow pre-Dreadnought design. In the following year he went in her to Gallipoli. There, as a midshipman, he commanded a steam picket boat during the Allies' final, abortive, effort against the Turkish defences, the landings at Suvla Bay in August 1915. He spent the rest of his war in destroyers.

After the Armistice he had a variety of appointments. He sailed in the battlecruiser *Renown* when she took the Prince of Wales on his cruise to Australia in 1920. He commanded a motor launch in the Rhine Flotilla and qualified as an interpreter in German. Later, in 1936, he was executive officer in the small cruiser *Penelope*.

This was his last appointment afloat. In 1939 he transferred to Naval Intelligence, and was then sent as naval attaché to the Scandinavian countries, based in Copenhagen. It was from there that he warned the Admiralty that an invasion of Norway seemed to be imminent. When the Germans invaded Denmark he made his way back to London via Ostend. But he was soon back in Scandinavia, this time as naval attaché in Stockholm.

From his position in neutral Sweden he was able, during the remainder of the war years to send back much useful information and even succeeded in organising some modest blockade running operations, which enabled cargoes of vital Swedish ball bearings to reach British ports. But perhaps his most signal service was at the outset of his tenure, when his diplomatic efforts helped to defuse a crisis which arose over the seizure of a number of Swedish warships by Britain.

During a war cabinet of June 19, 1940, at the suggestion of Viscount Caldecote (previously, as Sir Thomas Inskip, Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence) it had been decided to take over four destroyers which had been built for neutral Sweden by Axis Italy. The vessels were then on their way to the Faeroes, a convenient place to lay hands on them. "A pretty high-handed proceeding," as Halifax observed. "But as they have little chance of getting to Sweden, we had better have them." Alas, the decision, though in many ways in heartening contrast to the Chamberlain government's shilly-shallying over Norwegian neutrality which had delivered the country into German hands, happened to be over-zealous. It was, anyway, about a matter of far less moment. The Swedish government was outraged and in Stockholm it took all Denham's powers of address with the C-in-C of the Royal Swedish Navy to avert what might have been a serious crisis. In the event Britain was compelled to restore the ships to Sweden and pay a large indemnity.

At the end of the war Denham was appointed CMG and also received awards from the Danish, Norwegian and Dutch governments. He retired from the Royal Navy in 1947.

Sailing had always been his great love and he was now able to indulge it to the full. He also turned author and wrote a series of popular sailing guides to the Eastern Mediterranean. These included *The Aegean* (1963), which went through five editions, and ranged over the Adriatic and Tyrrhenian seas, as well as covering the Levant and Turkey. Mixing, as they did, mythology and history with seamanship and navigation, they were of interest to the mariner and general reader alike. *Inside the Nazi Ring* (1984) described his wartime experiences in Stockholm.

In 1924 he married Estelle Margaret Sibbald Currie. She died in 1979 and he is survived by a son and two daughters.

JON DARIUS

Jon Darius, senior curator at the Science Museum, London, died from cancer on July 12 aged 45. He was born in Montreal on May 9, 1948.

WITH excellent qualifications, both as an astronomer and a musicologist, Jon Darius devoted most of his tragically short working life to the Science Museum, London, where he became a senior curator and a specialist in the history of scientific instruments. He began a new career in the Treasury only two years ago in which he also displayed high promise.

Brought up in Montreal, he took his first degree in physics at McGill University, followed by a BMus in the history of music at the Conservatoire in Montreal. He came to England in 1970 and took a PhD at University College London on the subject of statistical spectroscopy, writing an exceptionally comprehensive thesis with over 700 references. His ability led to an appointment in UCL's department of physics and astronomy, where he conducted research in stellar astronomy, using the new ultraviolet observations obtained with one of Europe's first satellites.

This experience prepared him for the post he undertook in 1979 as resident astronomer in the European Space Agency's ground station near Madrid, set up to control (with a corresponding Nasa station in the United States) the international ultraviolet explorer satellite. This observatory was being used by visiting scientists from all over the world, and Darius, quickly adding Spanish to his native French and English, entertained them, giving expert advice on Madrid's gastronomic scene.

During his ten years at the Science Museum, to which he was appointed in 1980, Darius continued to work with practising astronomers while making a name for himself in the new world of displays, exhibitions and public communication. He served under five Keepers, and enlarged his portfolio of astronomy to include surveying and optics. His knowledge of modern astronomy not only ensured that the museum's collections reflected the latest developments in instrumentation but also enriched the presentation of space technology.

In 1983 he worked on the creation of the National Museum of Photography, Film and Television. This gave him the idea for an exhibition of historic scientific photographs, and for his successful book with the same title, *Beyond Vision*, published in 1984. Each of the hundred photographs was accompanied by a lucid scientific explanation, and included the 1919 solar eclipse photograph which confirmed Einstein's prediction of the bending of starlight. His skill as a communicator, clearly shown in this book, was also displayed in his articles for *New Scientist*, and in his frequent broadcasts on radio and television.

When the idea of an international Scientific Instrument Society was proposed in 1983, Darius supported the proposal enthusiastically. He became the first editor of the new society's *Bulletin*, which, in his skilful hands, became an attractive and respected publication, containing articles that appealed alike to academics, collectors and the antiques trade. His growing stature in the scientific instrument field led to his election as chairman in 1989, an office he filled with great success because of his ability as a public speaker, his personal warmth, and his knowledge of foreign languages.

Darius was remarkable for his intellectual curiosity and his versatility, qualities which, when he decided on a change of career and applied for a post at the Treasury in 1991, led to a new and prestigious appointment.

Working first on the European Community Budget, and latterly on housing and inner cities policy, he displayed great ease in mastering new subjects. He was respected for his intelligence and his language and computing skills, and much liked for his warmth and sparkle, and the courage with which he faced his illness.

Jon Darius married, in 1980, Sally Wainwright, who worked for many years as a teacher at the Royal College of Music and with whom he shared his own musical interests and his love of travel. In his last years, they deeply enjoyed visiting the farmouse in France that they bought in 1990.

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POLICE "TRAPS" FOR MOTORISTS.

A GUIDE FOR AUGUST.

The map of the main motor roads has been prepared by the Automobile Association and Motor Union for the use of drivers during the coming August holidays. It is designed to show where measured distances will probably be watched, or, in other words, where motorists may expect to find police "traps" during August. Although, of course, it is obviously impossible to denote the exact spots at which police "traps" may be expected, the map has been drawn up from the reports of the scouts of the Association on the disposition of such "traps" since the beginning of the year, and it is therefore as trustworthy a guide as it is possible to obtain.

At any rate, all motorists will do well to drive very carefully along the parts of the roads which are marked black in the plan, since they are being carefully watched by the county police. A similar plan was drawn up at Easter for the benefit of motorists during the Easter holidays, and it proved of considerable practical use.

The most interesting point brought out by a map of this kind is the rapidly increasing vigilance of the police on all roads used by motorists.

It is becoming a subject of bitter complaint among motorists that the greater part of the energy of the police is devoted to timing motorists over a level stretch of road with open country on either side, where progress even at a speed of 40 miles an hour would not be of the slightest danger to anyone. If, however, they are found to be exceeding the speed limit over a measured distance of the road, they are stopped and summoned.

Motorists declare themselves to be fully in sympathy with the keeping of a careful watch upon motor-cars at cross-roads and dangerous bends and when driving through towns, and it is to their own interest to check foolhardy drivers who attempt to pass over such spots at an excessive rate, but they consider it unfair that they should be fined for driving fast over a stretch of road where there is no danger of any kind.

Measured distances over straight sections of road are to be found over all the great main roads that radiate from London, but of recent months they have become especially conspicuous in the south, particularly in Surrey, Sussex and Hampshire. Of these, Hampshire is considered to be the worst for motorists, and the neighbourhood of Southampton has become anathema for travellers. The zeal of the police has been proportionately rewarded, and on one day recently in the Southampton and Winchester district 30 motorists were convicted for furious driving. The Portsmouth road enjoys almost as unenviable a reputation, and there have been many references in *The Times* lately to the action of the police in and around Godalming.

The length of the controls varies according to the county and the nature of the road, and it may be as much as five miles, as, for example, between Canterbury and Charing, or as little as a quarter of a mile.

ON THIS DAY

July 29 1914

Less than a week before the outbreak of the first world war, the AA and the Motor Union published a map showing where, during the August holidays, motorists should watch out for police speed traps

Britons say 'I do' to exotic weddings

Marriage on a far-flung beach can be a romantic cost-saver, **Marianne Curphey** reports

Weddings abroad, which first became popular as "recession beaters" for couples escaping the financial burden of a traditional large-scale wedding, are rapidly developing into an important market. For about £1,500, couples can now be married in an exotic location and combine the ceremony with a honeymoon.

Five years ago, marriages overseas were seen as a cheap alternative to a white wedding at home, which could cost about £3,500 after the cost of wining and dining scores of relatives was taken into account.

Since then, *Brides* magazine estimates, the average cost of a traditional wedding has doubled, and the opportunity to marry abroad and save money has become even more attractive.

The Association of British Travel Agents estimates that this year 12,000 British couples will tie the knot outside the UK, an increase of 10 per cent on last year. Couples travelling abroad to marry make up between 10 and 12 per cent of all clients on long-haul programmes, and their favourite destination is the Caribbean.

The number of bookings for foreign weddings for the period December 1993 to December 1994 is expected to rise by between 50 and 100 per cent after tour operators publish their new brochures in four months.

Coleen O'Brien, weddings co-ordinator for Kuoni, says: "From requests that we have had, we know there are people who want to travel halfway across the world to get married in Australia because it could still work out cheaper for them than a full wedding in the UK.

"We are offering weddings on the Great Barrier Reef, in the rainforests of Queensland and on some of the island resorts off the Queensland coast.

"Kuoni handled 1,500 weddings this year and anticipates 2,500 bookings for 1994; the increase has been phenomenal."

National tourist offices have also been quick to recognise the economic advantages of tourists' weddings and many have relaxed their residency restrictions to enable couples to marry during a two-week holiday.

The Cayman Islands authorities have reduced residency requirements to three days, as have those in the Seychelles, while the Registrar General of the Bahamas grants a waiver to allow a wedding after the same period.

The authorities in Tobago, however, stipulate that the bride and groom must have been on the island for 14 days before the ceremony can take place, so only couples on holiday for more than a fortnight can marry on the island.

"We have tried for a long time to persuade the authorities to reduce the residency rules, but as yet we cannot arrange a marriage unless the couple plan to be there for three weeks," says Steve Garley, Thomson's programme planning director.

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Ms O'Brien says: "As the word spread, clients have been requesting more exotic locations and sophisticated ceremonies, including photography, videos, flowers, steel bands, and more upmarket hotels."

Richard Prosser, product director of Cosmos, which handles up to 2,000 foreign weddings every year, says: "What started off as a way to beat the recession has turned into an aspirational product which is growing at the rate of 50 per cent annually.

"Although it is still possible for a couple to get married and have a honeymoon in the Caribbean for £1,500, a significant proportion are prepared to spend more. As the economy comes out of recession we are expecting more people to splash out on their weddings abroad — already 1 or 2 per cent of our clients are bringing 20 guests and turning the trip into a huge party."

While Cosmos offers hot-air balloon weddings over Florida and the chance to get hitched on a river boat, island beach ceremonies are still top of the list. The company's most popular romantic destination is the Dominican Republic.

Mr Garley says the search for new locations is often fraught with difficulty. He has made attempts to arrange weddings in Goa, India, for example, but has been unable to convince the government and the large local Catholic community of the merits of such an innovation.

About half of the weddings Thomson arranges overseas are for couples saying "I do" for the first time, and the company has also identified a market among clients over 35 who are remarrying and are prepared to pay more to enjoy complete privacy.

The number of divorced men and women in Britain has risen from 483,000 in 1973 to 2,571,000 in 1990, and it is estimated that 75 per cent of them remarry.

Mr Garley says: "Many couples of 35 and over have already been married once and for religious reasons cannot have a church wedding, or prefer to marry privately, away from their family.

"It is a modern trend to take a honeymoon before the wedding, but so many couples have lived together before they marry that this is rarely a problem. We don't often get requests for single-room accommodation before the ceremony."

Until recently, Bali in Indonesia was a very popular destination for British husbands and wives-to-be, but the Indonesian government has just decided to ban all mixed-faith marriages.

Alpine walkers get into their stride

Young tourists are turning their backs on the beaches

Travel agents across Europe are reporting a big increase in holidays involving walking, rock-climbing and water sports. Younger tourists, who previously preferred beach holidays, are now choosing to explore the countryside and get away from crowded resorts.

The European Travel Commission reports that the increasing number of people venturing into the countryside are often staying in simple bed and breakfast accommodation rather than hotels. The trend has not escaped the French tourist board which has been using activity holidays linked to specific regions in its advertising campaigns for the past five years.

A spokesman says: "Many of our tourists have rediscovered the lakes and mountains which were the holiday Mecca for the British long before the beaches became busy."

One area which has been particularly popular is the Haute-Savoie, normally associated with winter sports, yet now offering a range of summer outdoor pursuits from the water sports of Lake Annecy to hang-gliding, rock-climbing, cycling and mountain-biking.

Eurocamp, which has been bringing families to this area for ten years, says that in 1992 about 53 per cent of its business was from Britain.

The company has seen the number of families booking campsites away from coastal areas jump by more than 54 per cent in the past four years. In association with the conservation organisation Green Flag International, Eurocamp provides offical guides who lead walks (except in July and August when it is considered too hot). Eurocamp's site at Doussard, south of Lake Annecy, also has bicycles for rent and a children's courier to give parents some free time.

South from the shores of Lac Léman (Lake Geneva) runs the northernmost part of "La Grande Traversée des Alpes", passing Chamonix and Mont Blanc towards the Hautes-Alpes and, ultimately, the sea. But for the less serious walker there are plenty of easier alternatives.

PAUL BRYANT

Racing festivals are an increasingly attractive bet for hardened and occasional punters alike

Breaks with the luck of the Irish

ED BYRNE

Champion: Opera House wins last week's King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot

The Irish need little encouragement to come racing in Britain — indeed, they have made the Cheltenham National Hunt festival their own. The Irish Tourist Board (ITB) and Irish Racing Board were keen for the procedure to be reversed, and this year many more Britons are sampling racing holidays in Ireland.

The Punchestown festival, held each April, was used as a pilot scheme launched in 1990. A massive injection of prize-money for the three-day meeting — last year it was increased from IrE180,000 (£168,000) to IrE400,000 — encouraged more top British horses to compete and tempted more British racegoers to watch the action.

Mark Rowlette, a spokesman for the ITB, said: "Three years ago, we had 200 booked holidays for Punchestown. This increased to more than 900 last year and in April we catered for more than 1,500. We are most encouraged by the results."

Now that the foundations have been laid, interest is spreading across the country and racing calendar. "A racing break is a lovely introduction to the country," Mr Rowlette says. "You do not have to be a hardened racegoer to enjoy the fun. Racing in Ireland is much more informal than in England."

Tailormade holidays from a variety of companies are available, usually linked to the racing festivals of which the Irish are so fond, based in one centre for up to a week.

In Kerry alone, three festivals take place — at Killarney, Tralee during the last week in August, and the six-day September fixture at Listowel.

The four-day meeting at Killarney, which took place earlier this month, attracted an attendance of more than 20,000. The racecourse is set in beautiful surroundings, alongside the famous Killarney lakes, and with a backdrop of the Macgillycuddy Reeks, Ireland's highest mountain range.

The racecourse management organises two of the four days as evening fixtures, allowing maximum time for sightseeing. The magnificent Atlantic scenery of the Ring of Kerry, the Killarney National Park and even the Dingle Peninsula are well within a day's compass.

Killarney, with a population of 8,000, relies heavily on tourism for income, and comes alive in the evenings, swelled by the influx of racegoers. Hearty singing, aided by the consumption of Guinness, rings out from the 37 pubs, not counting hotels, while local restaurants tempt visitors with freshly caught seafood.

Killarney offers hospitality at its best. But one word of advice: take an umbrella. The Irish will guarantee a good time, but not the weather.

DICK HINDER

● *The Irish Tourist Board, 150-151 New Bond Street W1Y 0AQ (tel 071-493 9065).*

● *Dick Hinder travelled with Drive Ireland, 516 Tower Buildings, Water Street, Liverpool L3 1BA (tel: 051-231 1449). The cost of a Killarney racing holiday is £315 per person, based on two people travelling. This includes return flights from Heathrow, Stansted or Manchester to Cork; car hire with unlimited mileage; four nights' b&b at the Castlerosse Hotel, Killarney and admission to the four days of the meeting.*

FOR those who want to go racing in style, the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot is one of the high points of the season. Despite last Saturday's dismal weather, a huge crowd saw Opera House's triumph although, it has to be said, service in the bars and restaurants and the attitude of the gatekeepers and other officials, who are presumably there to help and welcome racegoers, still leaves much to be desired.

At its best Ascot is one of the world's great courses and, apart from the four-day mid-week royal meeting in June, the other main events, including the Festival of British Racing on September 25 this year, are all staged at weekends. An attractive package is offered by the Chequers Inn, at Wooburn Common (0628 529575), less than 20 miles from the course, which includes two nights' dinner, bed and breakfast, a members' enclosure badge for the Saturday and transfer by taxi to the course or a car park ticket, for £115 a person sharing a twin/double room.

The Chequers is a pleasant, very friendly inn offering admirable cuisine, well-suited to those with large appetites. It has also combined with the admirable new Lambourne golf club — a challenging course and a delightful clubhouse — which opened in April last year, to provide similar packages for golfers at £165 a head (£155 midweek in August), including green fees.

JOHN YOUNG

Stansted shut to TWA

Three union leaders, representing TWA's 25,000 employees, flew to London last week in a vain attempt to persuade the government to allow the struggling American airline to fly into Stansted airport.

They joined shop stewards from Stansted in lobbying transport department officials now locked in a battle with their American counterparts over bi-lateral air services.

The unions from both countries say they find it extraordinary that Stansted is the only main British airport without a scheduled transatlantic service. Despite attempts to encourage its use and take pressure off Heathrow and Gatwick, when TWA pleads to fly there the government refuses, they say.

The British negotiators are not prepared to grant permission, however, until the Americans allow Virgin to fly between Heathrow and Boston — and that will not happen until the vexed problem of "freedom of the skies" across the Atlantic can be solved with a completely new agreement, says the American side.

In the meantime, the TWA employees, whose company is about to be released from its "chapter 11" bankruptcy protection and once more stand on its own feet, expressed bewilderment over the deadlock.

"TWA want to fly between Stansted and New York and we are convinced we can make the route profitable. Stansted is desperate for more services and has an enormous potential for expansion. We understand our government would agree to our proposals and we are sure that 400,000 potential customers in the Stansted area would be delighted," says Gary Poos, of the Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers. Rod Jefferies, of the Stansted combined shop stewards committee, agrees: "The government's decision is hypocrisy and a kick in the teeth for the unemployed."

The delegations flew back this week, still bewildered and frustrated by what they see as the intransigence of civil servants.

HARVEY ELLIOTT

Opera at Longleat

LONGLEAT House, home of the Marquess of Bath, is the setting for an Opera Gala, performed by the European Chamber Opera Company on August 14. Excerpts from *The Barber of Seville*, the anvil chorus from *Il trovatore* and "Nessun Dorma" from *Turandot* will all be introduced by Lord Bath himself. Bishopstrow House (0985 212312), just ten minutes away, has put together a weekend break which includes opera tickets, a luxury hamper, dinner on the second night, and bed and breakfast, for £85 per person per night.

Disability policy

INSURANCE company Leisurecare (0793 514199)OK has launched a new policy for people with physical or mental disabilities. It includes a provision for wheelchairs, plus the cost of replacing an accompanying "carer" owing to sickness or accident. Premiums range from £22 for five days in the Mediterranean to £95 for a month in the USA. Non-disabled accompanying travellers must be covered on the same policy, but on lower rates.

Cricketers at sea

NOW that a new captain has been appointed, cricket fans may be tempted to watch England take on the West Indies next spring.

If the results are not up to expectations, enthusiasts could escape to the luxury of a ship sailing through the islands of Dominica, Bequia, Montserrat and Martinique, starting and finishing in Antigua.

Caribbean Connection (0244 329556) has a charter with Renaissance Cruises from April 6 to April 16 and is offering a package including British Airways flight to and from Antigua, ground transfers, ten nights accommodation on board ship, cocktail parties, Test match tickets and transportation throughout the five days of the Barbados Test.

The cost is from £2,950 per person based on two people sharing a standard suite.

Peak failures

WITH the holiday period now at its peak, the risk of holiday-makers being stranded because their tour operator collapses is at its height.

Twenty-four licenced tour operators failed during the 12 months to the end of March, according to the Air Travel Trust, with many disappearing during last year's peak months of July and August. The failures resulted in more than 30,000 passengers having to be repatriated. A further 128,000 advance payments had to be refunded, at a cost of more than £18.5 million.

With little growth likely in holiday bookings this year "it therefore seems appropriate to describe prospects as unsettled," the trust says.

CORRECTION

LAST week's report on the cost of living on holiday incorrectly gave the price of petrol in America as 73p a litre; it should have been 73p per gallon.

Scotland sits tight

The tourist industry in Scotland was hit last year by a decline in spending among English, Welsh and Irish visitors. The industry, overall, was worth £1.75 billion, the same as the previous year, according to the annual report of the Scottish Tourist Board.

America remains the most important overseas market for the tourism industry, accounting for 20 per cent of overseas tourists and 22 per cent of expenditure. The second largest market is Germany, with Italy and The Netherlands becoming increasingly important.

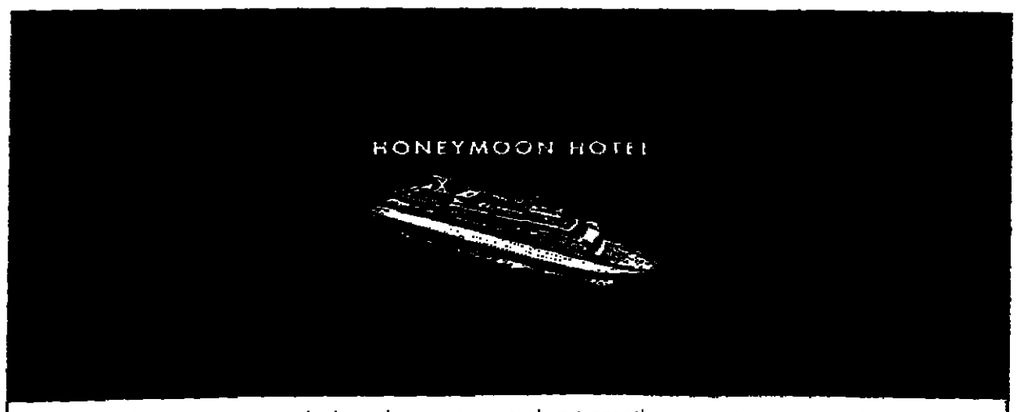
Ian Grant, the chairman of the STB, says: "Overseas tourism continued to increase in 1992. The domestic market was less encouraging, however, and it is clear that recession affected our traditional English business. This year there is evidence that our domestic business is increasing."

Overseas visitors spent £530 million last year, an increase of 5 per cent in real terms. Scottish tourists spent £370 million, up 2 per cent, and tourists from the rest of Britain accounted for £850 million, down 6 per cent. Ten million tourists spent at least one night in Scotland last year.

Scottish Tourist Board surveys, taken throughout the year, show that people value the country for its scenery, the friendliness of the people and the historic monuments. Some 86 per cent of overseas visitors praised the scenery, 74 per cent the people and 73 per cent the sights.

However, only 34 per cent of overseas visitors thought the quality and range of accommodation attractive, and just 28 per cent thought highly of the food and drink. Some 6 per cent rated them as poor.

GILLIAN BOWDITCH



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Runway goes nowhere fast

A decision is needed soon on London's new runway, says Harvey Elliott

For the next ten months John MacGregor, the transport secretary, will be deluged with letters, petitions and appeals for personal interviews from objectors to any and every thought he might be entertaining about the possible site of a new runway in the South East.

When, in 1990, it was announced that a committee was to study ways of coping with the increased demand for air travel, the aviation and tourist industries predicted that there would be a "fudge".

Their fears have become reality with the publication of a report whose most important finding — from the politicians' point of view — is that the airports in the South East can manage with their existing runways for another 20 years, five longer than expected. There was an almost audible sigh of relief from the transport department that nothing *had* to be done immediately.

The report makes no specific recommendation about where a runway should be built. It does, however, set out the options open to ministers.

The fact that the committee managed to come out with a single report owes much to the diplomatic skills of the transport department's deputy secretary Russell Sunderland. The committee had, at one time, more than 200 members, including representatives of local authorities, environmental groups, government, airports and airlines.

The problem remains, however, that the airlines and statisticians are convinced that new runways will soon be needed if London is not be usurped by Paris or Amsterdam as the gateway to Europe. By failing to make a recommendation, the committee — known as RUCATSE, or runway capacity to serve the South East — has blighted thousands of homes which just might be affected in the future. By 2015, the committee says, the number of passengers annually will have risen from 69 *million to 170 million*. To cope, a new runway will have to be built at either Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, Luton or at

MacGregor: big decision

a floating airport on the Thames estuary.

Although Heathrow would afford the greatest benefits to the air transport industry and passengers, the report says, up to 3,300 houses would have to be demolished. In addition, 55 community and recreation facilities, 11 public buildings, such as hospitals, churches and schools, and ten hotels would have to go.

Building a second runway at Gatwick would mean the loss of at least 100 homes and the possible destruction of the village of Charlwood which would be "trapped" between two runways. A second runway at Stansted would involve the loss of 80 houses.

Within hours of the report's publication, airlines were saying that delay in making a choice could be disastrous for air passengers.

"Waiting for all viable southeast alternatives to reach 100 per cent capacity before any development is commenced will result in the system becoming gridlocked," says Howard Davies, secretary general of the British Air Transport Association, which represents most of the main airlines in Britain.

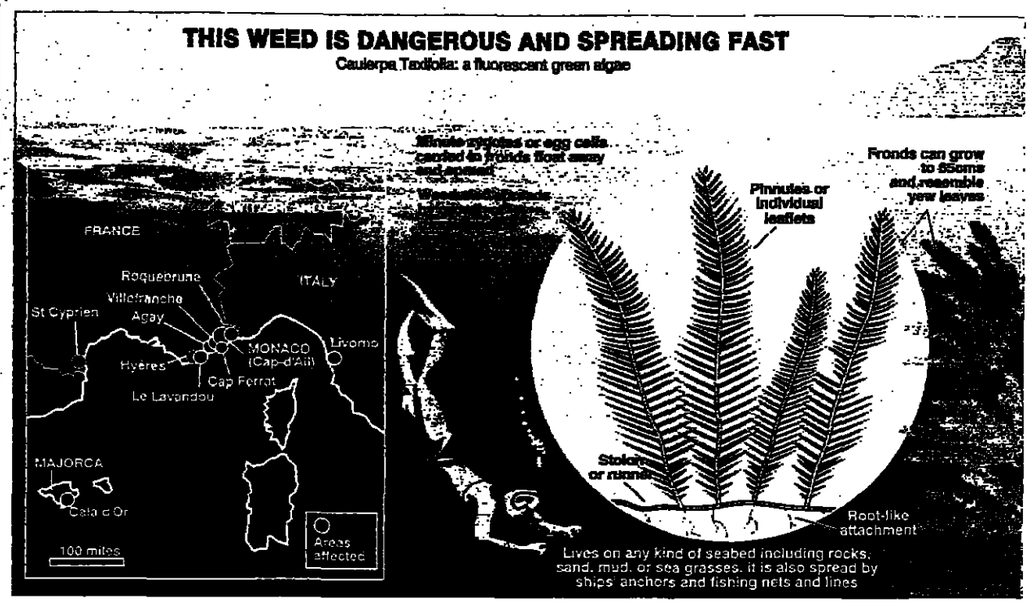
British Airways says that the projected need for a new runway assumes that a fifth terminal is built at Heathrow. "Without a fifth terminal approval, it would become an urgent necessity to seek a new runway now. Even if the conservative timing of 2010 were accepted, such a project would need to be started now," BA says.

Such views were opposed on all sides. William Sheate, assistant secretary, transport, of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, says: "We should not assume that we have to continue to meet demand for air travel. We will have to look at viable alternatives. The Channel tunnel rail link will be a crucial part of that equation. Above all we must distinguish between demand and need and make the best use of existing capacity."

Residents and protest groups near each of the airports were angry at the prospect of further development and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds was critical of any idea that an airport should be built in the Thames estuary.

Mr MacGregor has given *himself until May* for "further consultation". In reality he has had all the consultation he is likely to get. Only he, or some future minister, can decide what to do. It is a decision nobody could envy.

Scientists cannot stop the spread of a toxic weed that is killing marine life



Poison lurks on Riviera

A mouse fed the weed can die in three hours

Holidaymakers in France, Spain and Italy are being asked to help track down a weed which is choking the Mediterranean's ecosystem and menacing marine life.

In a public appeal costing £650,000 in EC funds, bathers were warned this week not to uproot the vivid green algae — simply to report its presence so that its dramatic growth may be monitored. Botanists fear that over-enthusiastic manipulation of the algae's stems by amateurs intent on a spot of helpful "weeding" may actually promote its propagation.

Posters and handbills in French, Italian, Spanish and Catalan (although not English, surprisingly), were distributed to ports, marinas and diving clubs in areas known to be contaminated, or thought to be at risk.

The weed is distinctive, with tapering shoots up to a metre long and abundant jagged-edged leaves. The French Navy has been deployed in the hunt for the algae, known as *caulerpa taxifolia*, using submarines and frogmen with underwater vacuums and compressors. Civil defence squads and teams of amateur divers are still trying to arrest its spread, while more than 50 researchers in 20 laboratories are becoming increasingly frustrated in their search for an antidote.

The underwater battleground is only yards from some of Europe's best-known beaches, now packed at the height of the holiday season. Since seven acres were first identified as a threat to swimmers and the ecology three years ago, mainly in the region of Monaco, clumps now stretch over 1,054 acres or 1.65 square miles.

Colonies have established themselves as far apart as Majorca, at Cala dOr; along the French Riviera at Cap-Martin, Roquebrune, Cap-d'Ail, Cap Ferrat, Villefranche, Agay, Le Lavandou and Hyères; at Saint Cyprien in the southwest of France and halfway down the Italian coast at Livorno.

Its growth pattern is arbitrary, thanks to currents and storms which carry it hundreds of miles. Man is also playing a significant role in its diffusion: it likes to hitch a ride in fishing nets and on the anchor chains of yachts, which explains why it is turning up in spots favoured by the boating crowd.

Yet the weed's own reproductive ability is enough to worry scientists. It is moving so fast that in linear terms it is covering two kilometres a year. It has been found growing at depths of 99 metres and survived laboratory tests in water heated to 70C.

Professor Alexander Meinesz, of Nice University, where the operation is being co-ordinated, says: "We have to admit we still don't know how to stop it. All we can do is chart its development, hence this appeal for the public's help."

The weed, which was first noticed in 1984, is highly toxic. Laboratory tests show it to be capable of killing a mouse in three hours. The plant kills 95 per cent of other algae, destroys marine flora, suffocates molluscs and sea urchins and contaminates the fish that feed off it. Humans may be at risk at the end of the food chain.

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Panic over fever

UK runs out of booster for diphtheria

SUPPLIES of diphtheria booster have run out in Britain after travellers to Russia, anxious about an epidemic in Moscow and St Petersburg, inundated clinics with requests for immunisation.

The only dose now available is the one used for infants, and is unsuitable for adults because it may cause a bad reaction if they have already come into contact with the disease.

A spokesman for Regents Laboratories, London, the sole British *distributor of the adult* vaccine, said: "There has been such an unprecedented demand for the dose that we have gone through two year's stock in one month.

"We ran out of the vaccine three weeks ago and new supplies are on order but they will not be ready until October. People panicked when they heard there was an outbreak."

Across Russia and Ukraine, 2,828 new cases of diphtheria were reported in the first five months of this year. In 1992 there were 127 deaths from the disease — twice as many as the previous year. The Foreign Office has advised all travellers to ensure they are immunised.

The vaccine supplies, which come from Switzerland, have to be quarantined and tested for about 12 weeks before they are released for the public.

IN THE meantime, a French drug company, Merieux, is importing a *combined diphtheria and* tetanus vaccine on a named-patient basis only.

It is not yet licensed in Britain and is available for doctors, teachers and health workers who will come into close contact with local people, rather than to ordinary tourists.

A spokesman for the British Airways travel clinic, which offers medical advice for tourists, says: "The only dose readily available in Britain is for infants and we cannot give it to adults or children over ten, in case they have already been immunised or have come into contact with diphtheria."

BA says ordinary tourists can still travel to Russia without immunisation, but should avoid crowds and markets, and kissing or sharing bottles and glasses.

A spokeswoman says: "Tourists should let their doctor at home know when they return if they have sore throat *symptoms*."

MARIANNE CURPHEY

Fancy a drive to Vienna for tea?

A cross-Continent journey can be far more interesting than being confined to the cabin of a plane

Road signs that look vaguely familar in French suddenly become a mystery in Greek. Yet that does not deter the drivers of more than two million vehicles who cross the Channel every year.

Although about 80 per cent are bound for destinations in France, the rest are travelling further afield. The notion that countries such as Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy and even Greece, Morocco and those in eastern Europe were trips that had to be made by plane has been dispelled by the sheer scale and quality of roads across the Continent.

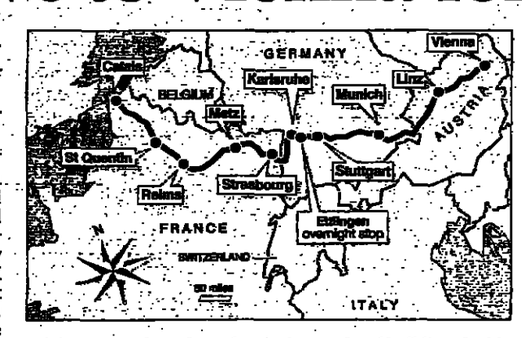
The trip can be relatively cheap. A family of five can travel 1,000 miles on three tanks of petrol in a hatchback — a cost of £14 a head (plus tolls, of course).

For thousands more, a cross-Continent journey can be far more interesting than being confined to the cabin of a plane, discovering towns and villages that otherwise would have been 30,000ft below.

To prove the point, my mission was to leave the UK on Friday morning and be at the Parkhotel Schönbrunn in Vienna 900 miles later, in time for tea on Saturday.

It only sounds a mountainous task to a Brit whose idea of high-speed car travel is getting from Luton to London on the M1 in less than a lifetime. But the appalling congestion of Britain's crowded motorways can be forgotten once the car hits the wide open spaces of the Continent. The roads are long, wide, straight and joyously free of heavy traffic.

The trick is to be aboard the ferry as early as possible — and that is where the sea could score heavily against its rival, the Channel Tunnel, next year. Being locked into a sealed train pales in comparison with



driving on to a ferry for a slap-up breakfast in comfort with the newspapers, even if it does take 30 minutes longer than the notional Chunnel time.

Although speed is limited on France's autoroutes to 130km per hour (about 80mph), that is fast enough to make remarkable progress.

On day one, almost seven hours driving with only a couple of brief stops was enough. My co-driver stuck his finger in the map to come up with Ettlingen, near Karlsruhe, for an overnight stop.

It was an inspired choice. Ettlingen is a tiny nowhere-in-particular place, its yellow and brown-faced buildings looking like some left-over from the MGM set for *The Student Prince*. The Hotel Erbprinz is just as picture postcard, a staging post opened in 1788 and with a restaurant that displays the best of the local Baden region cooking.

Dinner was certainly splendid but the Vogel Bierkeller across the road was more fun. Packed with locals, the beer — brewed in huge copper vats on the premises — was pouring faster than rain on Blackpool.

Discretion in this case proved the better part of valour and the night was cut short by the need to hit the road next day. A clear head was a useful asset as the second half of the journey needed sharp eyes to appreciate the magnificent scenery . . . and to keep up with the traffic on Germany's renowned autobahns where speed limits are few and far between.

That was where the accelerator went down to the boards and the countryside swept by. Once into the Alps though, the mountains become so breathtaking that it was worth stopping.

Another seven hours of driving and we were outside the hotel in plenty of time for tea, the mission completed. Our reward was a splendid traditional Austrian dinner, which seemed to feature more dead animals than the latest Steven Spielberg dinosaur movie, at a little outdoor restaurant, S'Rausch Zetterl, near the famous Tiergarten and the Schloss Schönbrunn, the Habsburg palace.

The journey was slightly more than 900 miles, completed in comfort. But then, we were in a Rolls-Royce . . .

KEVIN EASON

FLYAWAYS

Holiday treasure

ELEGANT Resorts (0244 329671) has a special offer for guests staying on a half-board basis at the Treasure Beach hotel, Barbados. They will be given complimentary lunch each day, and a mini-moke for five days free of charge if they are staying seven nights, and for ten days if staying for 14 nights. Prices are from £1,265 per person for seven nights on a half-board basis and include return flights and transfers.

☐ SCANDINAVIAN Seaways (0255 241234) offers late availability city breaks: a four-night holiday in *Hamburg* from £172 per person (SAS Plaza Hotel on August 11), or Copenhagen from £200, Gothenburg from £187, sailing from Harwich.

☐ PORTLAND Holidays (071-388 5111) is offering a 14-night holiday to Luxor in *Egypt for £259. Departure is* from Manchester on August 9. Prices, which included bed and breakfast, are based on two sharing. Ten nights in Paphos, departing on August 4, cost £379.

☐ TRAILFINDERS (071-938 3366) is offering return fares to Bangkok for £402 and to Hong Kong for £512 for departures from Heathrow until November 30.

☐ INNTRAVEL Summer Innactive (0439 711111) has a week's accompanied walking around the fields and fiords of Norway, departing Heathrow on July 31. The price of £844 per person, based on two sharing, includes seven nights half board, picnics and link journeys by train.

☐ A EUROPEAN airpass, which allows people aged 18 to 25 to visit up to nine cities for £589, is available from Moswin Tours (0533 719922). The "Europass" is valid from August 1 to September 30 with departures from Heathrow or Stansted to Luxemburg. A choice of 14 destinations is offered. Travellers must fly back to Luxemburg before *setting off to the next city.*

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NEWS

Lib Dems lead polls across South

■ The Liberal Democrats have climbed to their highest national poll rating for more than six years as they stand poised to capture one of the Conservatives' safest seats in today's Christchurch by-election.

The latest MORI poll for *The Times* puts the Tories at their lowest for nearly 12 years. It confirms the advance of the Liberal Democrats, particularly in southern England, where it has moved into the lead .....Pages 1, 2, 14, 16, 17

Lilley to curb invalidity benefits

■ Peter Lilley is preparing to unveil legislation to clamp down on invalidity benefit and cut £1.3 billion off the social security budget. The social security bill is expected to include rigorous medical tests for claimants, a longer qualifying period and less generous payments for new recipients .....Page 1

Contraceptive ban

The Pope is to restate the Roman Catholic ban on artificial contraception. It could effect a final split between the church's liberal and conservative wings .....Page 1

Irish policy blow

A week after John Major survived a vote of confidence, his policy on Ireland is in tatters. Despite his claim that no deal had been done with the Ulster Unionists, it appears that no one believes him ..... Page 2

Tourist attacked

A young Briton is recovering in France after being stabbed, beaten and left for dead in a quarry near Bordeaux. She lay unconscious for two days before being found ..... Page 3

Ripping yarns

A tour company is promoting "blood and gore" tours of London's East End, taking in the haunts of the Kray twins and Jack the Ripper .... Page 4

Crime rate steadies

Recorded crime in London has stabilised for the first time in five years, police said. Reports of some crimes, including burglary, fell ..... Page 4

Horrific reading

As many people read horror books as they do serious modern novels, according to a report. Its author says: "It's a bit worrying because a lot of horror books are schlock" Page 5

Parents' duty

Parents should be legally required to take more responsibility for their children's behaviour by enforcing curfews and paying court fines, a teachers' conference has been told .....Page 7

Shipyard enquiry

An independent enquiry into the circumstances of Swan Hunter's loss of a Royal Navy contract to its rival VSEL will conclude today that defence officials acted fairly and correctly .....Page 8

Bomb damage

The Pope toured the damaged Basilica of St John Lateran and condemned the "vile" car bomb attacks in Rome and Milan that killed five people on Tuesday night ..... Page 9

Nigerians flee

Thousands of Nigerians have begun moving away from the cities to their home towns in the countryside as fears of civil war grow .....Page 10

Rabin stands firm

Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, vowed to continue his four-day bombing blitz of southern Lebanon, as tens of thousands of civilians joined the refugee exodus .....Pages 1, 12

Muslims yield

As Serb, Croat and Muslim leaders met for a second day in Geneva, the signs were that the Muslims were slowly acceding to the plan for a division of Bosnia along ethnic lines ..... Page 12

BBC tells interviewers to be polite

■ BBC governors have insisted that the corporation's journalists be more polite in radio and television interviews. They say that staff should "maintain standards of proper courtesy" when conducting interviews on air. The move will be welcomed by those concerned over the tone of some of the BBC's more aggressive interviewers .....Pages 1, 2

MICHAEL POWELL

Making a point: El Caballo de España demonstrating bull-fight training techniques at Broadgate Arena, London, yesterday

BUSINESS

Rate cut hopes: foreign exchange markets put pressure on the Chancellor to trim British interest rates amid expectations of a German rate cut today ..... Pages 1, 23

Nuclear protest: an enquiry into the burgeoning costs of operating Britain's ageing Magnox reactors will be demanded today by researchers for the coalfield communities campaign ..... Page 23

Markets: Sterling fell against the mark amid talk of an imminent cut in domestic interest rates, easing 1.01 pfennigs to DM2.5618. It gained 0.15 cents to $1.4923. Shares surrendered mid-session gains to leave the FT-SE 100 index 4.8 higher, at 2,884.2 ..... Page 26

Cricket: Lancashire's Michael Atherton will captain England for the remaining two Tests against Australia. Five other candidates were considered: Alec Stewart, Mike Gatting, Kim Barnett, Hugh Morris and Martyn Moxon .... Page 44

Athletics: In the week that Linford Christie will earn £100,000 for racing Carl Lewis, a report discloses that 45 per cent of Britain's competitors in Barcelona were in debt to an average of £5,000 ..... Page 44

Basketball: Reggie Lewis of the Boston Celtics, one of the outstanding players in the American National Basketball Association, died on court almost three months after a previous collapse .....Page 39

On the hustings: "Standing as a by-election candidate is the nearest thing to masochism that British politics permits in public." Alice Thomson on the Liberal Democrats Christchurch .....Page 14

Depressing solution: "More than 50 years since its invention, it is making a comeback in America, among the middle and intellectual classes." Kate Muir on electro-convulsive therapy ..... Page 15

Justifiable murder? When Tommy Thompson's daughters were convicted of his murder, their sentence was two years suspended. Was the court right? ..... Pages 36, 37

No kidding: It is supposed to be a tongue-in-cheek romp, appealing to parents and children alike. So how come *Last Action Hero* is so clumsy, heavy and smug? Has Arnold Schwarzenegger finally lost his touch? ..... Page 33

Addressing Alzheimer's: West Yorkshire Playhouse in Leeds has premiered a play in which a wife and daughter come to terms with senile dementia affecting the father of the family ..... Page 34

About time for Burne-Jones: It is almost 25 years since the last big British exhibition devoted to the Victorian artist Edward Burne-Jones, yet his popularity and influence extend worldwide .....Page 35

PEOPLE

Peggy Wood, 77, who sued the Law Society for negligence after being evicted from her cottage in 1983, lost her case in the High Court
Page 3

Richard Okill, 17, who died in the Cape Town church massacre, has been hailed a hero for saving the lives of two young women
Pages 10, 17

Diana Maddock, the Liberal Democrat candidate, enters today's by-election in Christchurch as favourite to take the seat from the Tories
Pages 1, 8, 14, 16, 17

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Tolls drive motorists away

■ If John MacGregor wants to know how toll roads will affect driving habits, disgruntled villagers in Gloucestershire will be happy to enlighten him

Commuting by computer

■ Cheap technology means more people should be able to work from home, but few seem to manage it. Why is "telecommuting" still so rare?

Still in search of the new

■ A striking exhibition in Glasgow shows that success has not spoilt David Hockney's appetite for experimentation

Theresa Russell plays identical twins in a moody, Wales-based thriller about murder, jealousy and revenge. *Thicker Than Water* (BBC1, 9.30pm) .....Page 43

Who, whom

Three and a half centuries after the English civil war, battle is raging again over the most basic tenets of the unwritten constitution .Page 17

Fighting for talks

The new South Africa is burdened by an inheritance that does not include the luxury of time .... Page 17

Eastward ho!

London's absolute fascination resides in its eccentric devolution, not its central promise ..... Page 17

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

The modern danger is despair, the feeling that there is nothing effective that can be done about anything, that the impersonal forces, many of them negative, have become far too strong for any personal action .....Page 16

DAVID SELBOURNE

There are both great prospects and great dangers for Italy at the present hour, a time when the political future of Europe and of the utopian "European idea" is increasingly uncertain .....Page 16

PETER RIDDELL

For all their local successes, the Lib Dems do not yet offer a distinctive national alternative. They deserve to be taken seriously, but not as seriously as they may take themselves after tonight .....Page 16

How the New Britons fit into and contribute to society .....Page 17

The only alternative to negotiated peace is spectacularly on view on both sides of the Israeli-Lebanese frontier. The grim horror of that alternative has properly concentrated the minds of American statesmen. May it do the same for their Arab and Israeli counterparts
— The New York Times

The Chinese communist dotards who fought their way to power now cling to it because they have no one in whom to entrust the future of their revolution. The rumours about Deng Xiaoping's death envision as finite a lifespan for communism as for its ruling revolutionary
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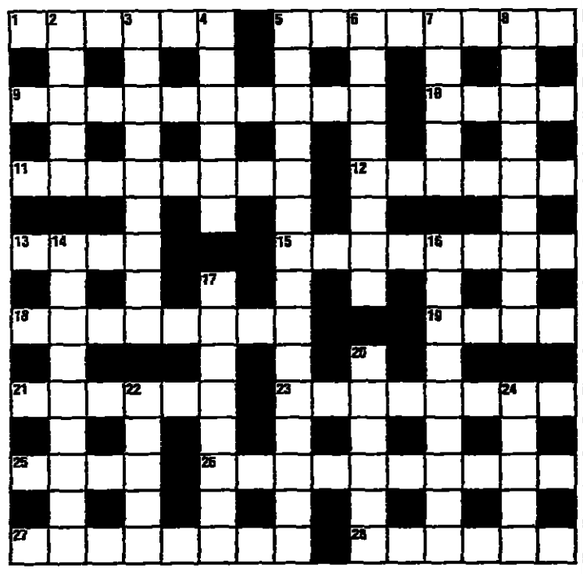

ACROSS

1 Braved ruination — rashly, for example! (6).
5 Flower worn by many a lady with reduced social status (8).
9 Boisterous audience creating a disturbance (5,5).
10 Left for dead (4).
11 Prison not practicable in true revenge (8).
12 The right of admission to the course ... (6).
13 ... to pursue losing horse, for instance (4).
15 Load carried for one player by several others (8).
18 A festival to ignore (8).
19 Tax check (4).
21 Once the oldest and wisest tenors, possibly (6).
23 Sales centre in exhibition has its uses (8).
25 Said to be top dog (4).
26 Explain low stature, perhaps (10).
27 Forced to be taught after start of school (8).
28 Solver's first answer to clue is inadequate (6)..

DOWN

2 Hit the ball into the crowd (5).
3 Rages seen to be misplaced enthusiasm (9).
4 Chap in the greatest demand (6).
5 Like Toulouse-Lautrec, maybe, let off twice (6-9).
6 Table an acceptance (8).
7 Arab sailor castaway understood the vernacular (5).
8 Tender strains we hear from the bar? (9).
14 Mortification in a vault (9).
16 A mixture to root up and rip out (3-6).
17 Reluctance to profess the Christian Church (8).
20 Sudden movements in share prices, assisting stock market stags initially (6).
22 Epithet applied to grasping old character (5).
24 Little chap in pain when beheaded! (5).

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WEATHER

The northeast of Scotland and Northern Ireland will be sunny at times, but there will be showers. The rest of the United Kingdom will start dull and probably wet. In southern England and the Channel Islands it will be cloudy all day with rain or drizzle at times and fog on coasts and hills. Elsewhere it will become brighter later although there may be showers. Outlook: some sunshine, with showers mainly in the west and north.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle, fg=fog; s=sun, sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	25	77	s	Madrid	35	95	s
Alicante	28	82	s	Majorca	27	81	s
Alex'dria	29	84	s	Malaga	28	82	s
Algiers	30	86	s	Malta	28	82	s
Amst'dm	19	66	c	Melb'rne	16	61	f
Athens	33	91	s	Mexico C*	21	70	f
Bahrain	36	97	s	Miami*	34	93	f
Bangkok	34	93	f	Milan	28	82	s
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Beirut	28	82	f	Munich	19	66	r
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B Aires*	15	59	c	Peking	30	86	f
Cairo	32	90	s	Perth	17	63	f
Cape Tn	13	55	r	Prague	20	68	r
Chicago*	31	88	f	Reykjavik	10	50	r
Ch'church	12	54	f	Rhodes	31	88	s
Cologne	18	64	r	Rio de J	22	72	f
C'phagn	16	61	f	Riyadh	46	113	s
Corfu	30	86	s	Rome	27	81	s
Dublin	17	63	f	Salzburg	19	66	s
Dubrovnik	28	82	s	S F'isco*	19	66	s
Faro	29	84	s	Santiago*	7	45	c
Florence	29	84	s	S Paulo*	15	59	c
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Helsinki	16	61	f	Sydney	16	61	f
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Innsbruck	18	64	c	Tel Aviv	30	86	f
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Jo'burg*	19	66	s	Toronto*	28	79	f
Karachi	33	91	f	Tunis	32	90	s
L Palmas	31	88	s	Valencia	30	86	s
La Tguer	17	63	f	Vanc'ver*	20	68	f
Lisbon	34	93	s	Venice	26	79	s
Locarno	25	77	f	Vienna	20	68	c
L'Angels*	26	68	c	Warsaw	18	61	c
Luxemb'g	17	63	r	Wash'ton*	31	88	f
Luxor	37	99	s	Wellington	13	55	c
				Zurich	22	72	f

* denotes figures are latest available

Scotland low to moderate. N Ireland low to moderate; Wales low to moderate; South West low to moderate, North low to moderate, East Anglia low to moderate; Midlands low to moderate; South East low; London low.

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 18C (64F), min 6pm to 6am, 13C (55F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.22in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 3.5hr.

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 17C (63F), min 6pm to 6am, 12C (54F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.02in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 4.6hr

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	6.1	-	17	63	sunny
Belfast	0.6	0.07	18	64	shower
Birmingham	3.4	0.07	21	70	bright
Bournemouth	-	0.21	19	66	rain
Bristol	0.7	0.28	18	64	rain
Buxton	3.1	0.24	18	64	bright
Cardiff	0.2	0.21	17	63	rain
Colwyn Bay	0.2	0.07	20	68	cloudy
Cromer	5.0	0.09	22	72	sunny
Eastbourne	0.6	0.43	18	64	rain
Edinburgh	2.2	0.01	17	63	rain
Eskdalemuir	2.3	0.11	16	61	rain
Folkestone	0.5	0.31	20	68	dull
Glasgow	2.0	0.03	15	59	rain
Guernsey	-	0.07	20	68	drizzle
Isle of Man	2.8	0.09	19	66	cloudy
Jersey	-	0.05	18	64	rain
Kinloss	2.1	-	17	63	cloudy
Leeds	0.6	0.08	18	64	cloudy
Lerwick	4.1	0.02	13	55	shower
Liverpool	1.2	0.27	19	66	rain
London	0.9	0.18	23	66	rain
Lowestoft	3.4	0.19	22	72	bright
Manchester	0.7	0.16	19	66	rain
Margate	2.2	0.13	21	70	rain
Morecambe	0.5	0.06	17	63	rain
Newcastle	3.5	0.20	18	64	rain
Nottingham	2.3	0.20	20	68	cloudy
Penzance	0.1	0.39	19	66	rain
Plymouth	0.1	0.61	17	63	rain
Sandown	0.1	0.25	18	64	cloudy
Scarborough	x	0.01	19	66	bright
Scilly Isles	-	0.13	15	59	fog
Southend	2.6	0.10	21	70	cloudy
Stornoway	1.4	0.01	14	57	shower
Tiree	1.3	0.41	16	61	cloudy
Torquay	1.3	0.05	15	59	rain
Valley	0.2	0.24	20	68	cloudy
Weymouth	0.1	0.28	16	64	shower
Wick	2.3	0.02	15	59	shower
Worthing	-	0.25	19	66	rain

These are Tuesday's figures

London 9.24 pm to 4.50 am
Bristol 9.33 pm to 5.00 am
Edinburgh 8.58 pm to 4.41 am
Manchester 9.40 pm to 4.49 am
Penzance 9.40 pm to 5.17 am

Sun rises: 5.20 am
Sun sets: 8.54 pm
Moon rises: 5.59 pm
Moon sets: 1.13 am
Full moon August 2

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	18	61	c	Guernsey	16	61	d
B'mgham	21	70	f	Inverness	14	57	c
Blackpool	18	61	f	Jersey	17	63	r
Bristol	19	66	f	London	20	68	f
Cardiff	20	68	f	M'nchster	16	61	c
Edinburgh	17	63	c	Newcastle	17	63	r
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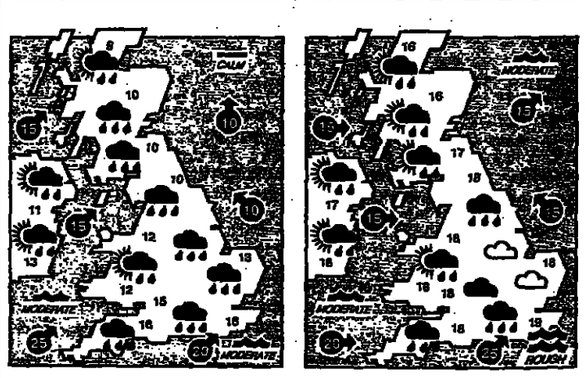

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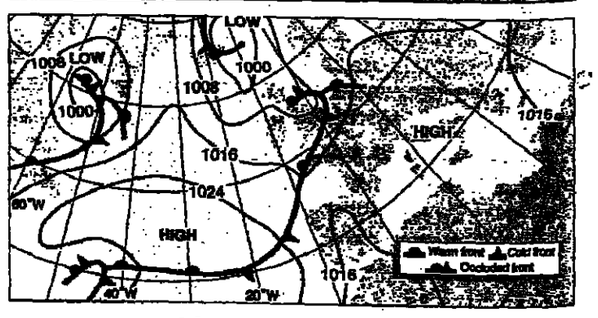

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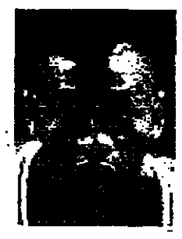

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US $ ..... 1.4923 (+0.0015)
German mark.... 2.5618 (-0.0101)
Exchange index ..... 81.2 (-0.3)
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STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 2884.2 (+4.8)
Dow Jones ..... 3559.31 (-5.15)*
Nikkei Avge .. 19829.58 (-61.81)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank..... 6-5/16%
US Federal Funds..... 2¾%*
3-month Trees Bills . 3.09-3.07%*
Long Bond 6.67%*

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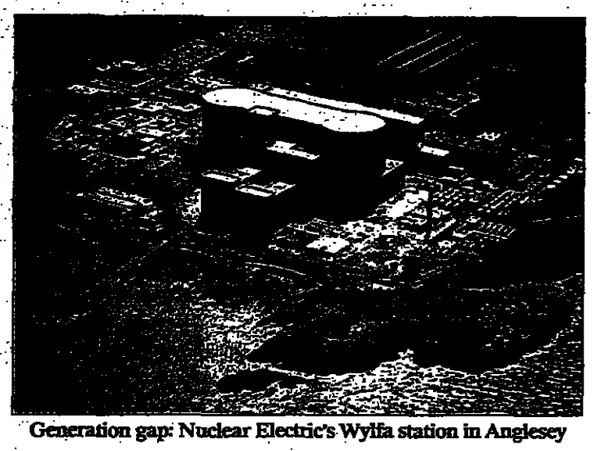
Coal campaigners challenge Magnox nuclear costs



Generation gap: Nuclear Electric's Wylfa station in Anglesey

BY ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

A MONOPOLIES and Mergers Commission enquiry into the cost of operating Britain's ageing Magnox nuclear reactors will be demanded today by researchers for the Coalfield communities campaign (CCC).

A report by Stephen Fothergill, a professor at Sheffield Hallam university, and Nigel Guy, a CCC researcher, says: "Until there has been an MMC enquiry, there can be no confidence in Nuclear Electric's claim that there is a sound economic basis for the continued operation of Magnox stations."

Nuclear Electric last night rejected the charges contained in the report, insisting: "We are more than satisfied with our accounting and we are satisfied with the validity of our Magnox stations."

The role of Magnox power stations, which are old and produce a large amount of waste for the amount of electricity they generate, is likely to be hotly debated in the run-up to the government's review of nuclear strategy this autumn. Nuclear Electric has seven such plants, ranging from Bradwell in Essex, generating just 245 megawatts to Wylfa, on Anglesey, producing 840 megawatts..

The review was brought forward on the recommendation of the Commons trade and industry select committee which, in its enquiry into coal closures, called for a policy overhaul and for the government to take back decommissioning liabilities inherited by Nuclear Electric, the state-owned atomic power group, from its forerunner, the Central Electricity Generating Board.

The CCC was set up to assist areas threatened by pit closures as demand for coal is squeezed by rising output from nuclear and gas burning stations. Its report says independent verification of Nuclear Electric's cost calculations is needed to enable the review to reach a well-informed decision. The study argues that independent verification is needed of the way costs are allocated within the £14 billion contract between Nuclear Electric and BNFL, the state-owned fuel company, for fuel supplies and reprocessing. In addition, it calls for outside examination of the way Nuclear Electric calculates the "unavoidable" costs of continued operation of Magnox plants.

"There are strong grounds for believing that Nuclear Electric's figures on Magnox avoidable costs, based upon this contract, are misleading as the basis for public decision making," it says.

BNFL is reported to have told the select committee that £2 billion in Magnox fuel costs could be avoided if all the plants were closed immediately. The battle over Magnox costs is especially intense because many of the plants are nearing the end of their useful lives. Nuclear Electric has applied to the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate to continue operations to enable it to spread the high costs of building and decommissioning the plants over a longer period, improving their economics of operation.

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Clarke under pressure to cut rates

BY JANET BUSH

■ Kenneth Clarke may be coming under increasing pressure from the markets to trim British interest rates after an expected cut by the Bundesbank in German rates today

INTEREST rate fever gripped the financial markets yesterday, with dealers betting that Britain will follow German rate cuts expected today with the announcement of lower base rates, aimed at sustaining the recovery.

Despite scepticism among economists, speculation started to build in the markets on Tuesday, when the CBI published a gloomy outlook for the economy and called for lower base rates. Yesterday, Brian Moffat, chairman and chief executive of British Steel, called on Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, to prevent any further rise in sterling which, he said, would wipe out the lift given to industry by last autumn's devaluation.

Intensifying pressure from industry for lower rates and an end to the pound's appreciation presents Mr Clarke with his first major policy judgment since becoming Chancellor. The markets argued yesterday that he could follow expected defeat in today's Christchurch by-election with a rate cut as early as tomorrow, using easier rates in Europe as justification.

Rumours of a large cut in the German discount rate swept through currency markets after the Bundesbank cut its repurchase rate by more than expected and this, in turn, fuelled expectations that British rates will fall.

Most economists are still expecting the Bundesbank to cut its discount rate and its lombard rate by a ½ point but the rumours suggested a cut of up to 1 per cent in the key discount rate. The repo rate was cut from 7.15 per cent to 6.95 per cent.

There was a surprising measure of confidence in the British base rate speculation, given that the Bank of England's regular money market operations have been studiously neutral and the CBI survey was the only really weak economic report in a string of positive ones. Michael Saunders, of Salomon Brothers, said: "I have always expected the government to delay cutting base rates until Budget time, barring a run of weak figures or unwanted sterling strength due to lower European rates." Tim Congdon, of Lombard Street Research, one of the Treasury's seven independent forecasters, shares these instincts. He said: "Base rates will be cut before the end of the year but the government will not be in a rush to reduce rates."

Nevertheless, many economists believe a rate cut is justified on the improved inflation outlook. Long gilt yields have dropped from 8.55 per cent to below 8 per cent in the last two weeks, suggesting a growing degree of optimism on inflation. The Bank of England, in its last *Inflation Report*, said it was more encouraged than it had been on the inflation outlook but was worried that inflationary expectations were still high.

John Shepperd, chief economist at Yamaichi International Europe, said: "Particularly if European rates fall, you have to ask yourself why shouldn't they cut."

Until a week ago, sterling futures markets, which give an idea of what interest rates dealers expect in coming months, were pricing in unchanged 6 per cent base rates until the end of 1994. By yesterday, prices were discounting a ½ point cut in base rates before the end of the year.

Sterling continued to slide on base rate hopes, closing at 81.2 on its trade weighted index compared with 81.3 at the opening and 81.5 at the close on Tuesday. However, dealers noted that the pound was not nearly weak enough to preclude base rate cuts. In contrast, the gilt market enjoyed the best auction so far this year because of base rate expectations. Yesterday's auction of £3.25 billion of bonds was subscribed 2.3 times.

The Bundesbank's repo announcement helped the French franc recover considerable ground, although the Spanish peseta and the Portuguese escudo remained weak.

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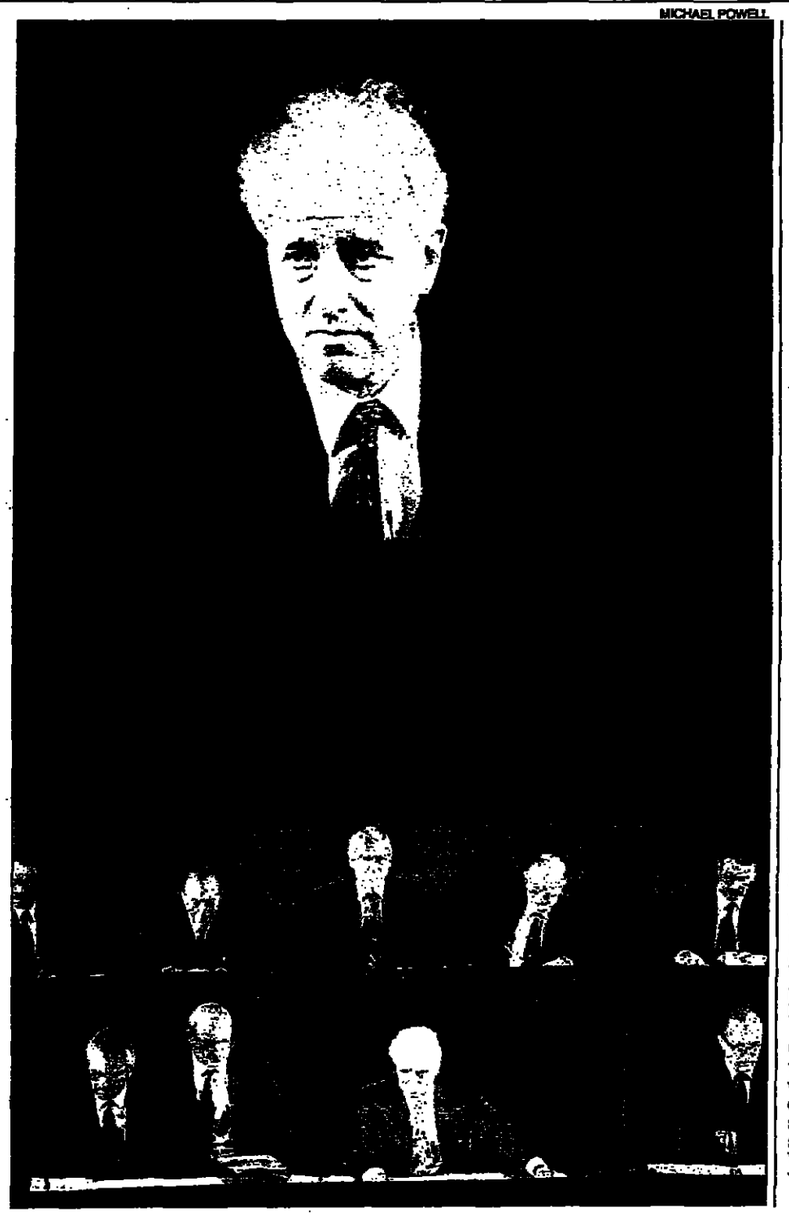

Steel appeal: Brian Moffat, of British Steel, calling on the Chancellor to curb sterling's rise in the interests of competitiveness, at the company's annual meeting yesterday

Wellcome and Glaxo form US retail link

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

TWO of Britain's most successful drug companies are banding together with a big American pharmaceuticals concern to create the world's largest developer and distributor of over-the-counter (OTC) compounds.

Wellcome and Glaxo Holdings are cashing in on the trend towards self-medication with parallel links with Warner-Lambert of the US. Both have important compounds — respectively Zovirax, the anti-viral agent, and stomach drug Zantac, the world's best-selling pharmaceutical — that they hope can be cleared for sale over the counter.

Wellcome and Warner-Lambert are to form Warner-Wellcome Consumer Health Products, which will handle the OTC compounds manufactured by both parties in the American and European markets. Profits will be split 70-30, with the British partner taking the smaller portion, roughly in line with current sales.

Wellcome is bringing to the marriage its stable of drugs, including the Actifed and Sudafed cold products, while Warner-Lambert has Listerine mouthwash and Benylin expectorant.

In a separate but allied deal, Glaxo is going into a joint venture to handle any OTC versions of its prescription drugs eventually developed, starting with Zantac, and splitting any profits 50-50 with Warner-Lambert.

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Lesson from the master for Mr Clarke

IRWIN STELZER

Britain's Chancellor can learn a thing or two from America's President. Faced with a public sector borrowing requirement that must have International Monetary Fund monitors licking their chops in anticipation of a protracted stay in London, Kenneth Clarke must either raise taxes or cut spending, or both. A lesson in how that feat can seem to be accomplished, with minimum immediate political fall-out, is available in Washington — at no charge. The instructor: none other than Bill Clinton. The text: "How to Cut the Deficit and Still Survive the Next Election".

The first chapter in this tome, "Weakness is Cheaper than Strength, and Voters Won't Know the Difference Until It's Too Late", emphasises the special vulnerability of the defence budget. Instructor Clinton notes that defence spending has so few defenders that he has cut it to a point where respected experts are whispering that America cannot now mount a Desert Storm. All this with no public outcry.

So, too, in Britain. With the exception of a relative handful of defence workers, some military men who don't count in this post-Cold War era, and a few Tories in the parliamentary wilderness muttering "We live in a dangerous world", defence outlays have no constituency. The Chancellor has already grasped this and can expect high marks on this part of the final examination. He can turn to Chapter 2: "How to Have Spending Cuts and Still Spend More". This feat, not unknown even to chancellors who have not taken President Clinton's course, is accomplished by counting as "spending cuts" any reductions in planned increases in spending. Thus, by proposing a budget in which spending on social programmes rises a bit less rapidly than previously planned, Clinton can claim to have cut spending — despite a 5-year 30 per cent increase in outlays. Result: the President gets to spend more on social programmes, while touring the country to proclaim his fiscal probity.

Chapter 3, "How to Raise Taxes on Everyone With Hardly Anyone Noticing", is the trickiest bit. Begin by promising to soak the rich. But be careful not to define "rich". In America, candidate Clinton promised he would squeeze only millionaires. It now turns out that the rich include anyone earning more than $115,000. Mr Clarke might win short-term kudos by raising rates on top earners. Or he might merely scan this chapter in Clinton's textbook, and reserve its teachings for a later Budget. Clinton's plan contains more than raising top rates. It seems the Chancellor has already had a sneak look at these sections of the tax-and-spend primer.

Tax energy, the primer advises. Clinton's first effort, a broad-based energy tax, was abandoned in favour of a simple rise in petrol tax. But broader energy taxes will come, primarily because they are easily dressed in green clothes. So Clarke's inherited plan to extend VAT to domestic fuel should earn him at least a "B" in this section of the course. Next: a carbon tax.

The Chancellor might also learn from the President how to mount a stealthy attack on the elderly and the ill. As an example, don't cut invalidity benefits: that is too transparent an assault on a seemingly vulnerable group. Instead, impose or raise raise taxes on this and on other benefits received by oldies who have incomes from their private savings. This Clinton plans to do by taxing a much higher 85 per cent of social security income received by individuals earning more than $32,000.

Finally, the Chancellor might study the concluding chapter: "Put Off Until Tomorrow Any Taxes You Can Do Without Today". With the President's unpopularity exceeded only by that of the Prime Minister, he must tread carefully. So he will hold off where possible: higher sin taxes on alcohol and tobacco can come later, as can a payroll tax to pay for wife Hillary's health care "reforms". Meanwhile, substitute labels for reality. Over its five-year life, the President's "deficit reduction package" will add $1,000 billion to America's national debt. Above all, fudge the figures — project higher-than-reasonable revenues, and lower-than-reasonable outlays.

These are just some of the things the Chancellor must learn from America — unless he defies expectations and begins cutting spending to roll back the welfare state.

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VW stands by López as car sales show signs of recovery

By Colin Narbrough
World Trade Correspondent

■ A 15 per cent rise in sales in June, against the market trend, gives Volkswagen heart as the controversy over its new executive team continues to rage on

VOLKSWAGEN, Europe's biggest carmaker, has gone on to a war-footing after months on the defensive over allegations that recently hired executives engaged in industrial espionage on General Motors, its American arch rival.

Amid the raging legal battle over José Ignacio López de Arriortúa, his new Spanish purchasing and production director, and a team of executives, all poached from GM, Ferdinand Piëch, the VW management board chairman, made clear that Señor López enjoyed VW's full support. He flatly denied claims that any of the López team took confidential documents from GM and Opel when they moved to VW.

In a break with its normally rigid timetable for important announcements, Herr Piëch, yesterday told a snap press conference at the company's Wolfsburg headquarters that VW was fast recovering its economic health after its DM1.25 billion loss in the first quarter. The aggressive stance he adopted in the fight with GM, plus the disclosure that VW car sales rose a handsome 15.2 per cent last month compared with June 1992, lifted VW's share price sharply on the Frankfurt bourse.

Herr Piëch, who took over the helm at VW this year with a mandate to cut costs, said VW's incoming orders reached 41,150 in June, while orders placed with Opel, GM's German subsidiary, were 13.4 per cent down.

After sharply reducing group losses in the second quarter, Herr Piëch said VW would be back in the black in the third quarter as the German and European car markets recovered. The VW restructuring programme, "without which our company has no future", would proceed.

Not only did Herr Piëch state that both he and the VW supervisory board "stand by" Señor López, but he accused the public prosecutor's office in Darmstadt, which is investigating the allegations of industrial espionage, of misleading the public about the case.

In contrast with the traditionally diplomatic tone of German corporate leaders, Herr Piëch accused GM of trying to destroy VW. "We're in a mudslinging battle and we intend to do what's necessary to win," he said.

He described as "intolerable" the manner in which GM was conducting a personal "campaign of revenge" against Señor López, while using the legal system and the media to denigrate VW.

On the question of secret GM documents the public prosecutor found in the apartment of Jorge Alvarez Aguirre, one of the López team, Herr Piëch suggested they could have been planted. An internal probe at VW revealed no evidence of industrial espionage. Herr Piëch said, adding that the group had a "clean conscience". He said that nothing had been found on company property.

Opel responded angrily to Herr Piëch's remarks, accusing him of stooping "astonishingly low" and of making allegations in "flagrant contradiction" of the public prosecutor's investigations.

Fighting talk: Ferdinand Piëch carries the battle to GM

Gatt group committed to work schedule

By Our World Trade Correspondent

THE overseer committee for the world trade talks has pledged itself to a schedule of work aimed at achieving "substantial and concrete progress" by mid-October on the market access element of the Uruguay round.

The senior negotiators agreed to allow ten non-member countries, including Russia, Saudi Arabia and Taiwan, to join the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) for meetings on the trade liberalization round.

At its last session before the holiday season, the Gatt's Trade Negotiating Committee (TNC) committed itself to a detailed timetable proposed by Peter Sutherland, the Gatt director-general.

Mr Sutherland was encouraged by the agreement on a set of autumn deadlines for reaching specific deals so soon after the leading trading nations agreed on the eve of the Tokyo economic summit to a tariff-cutting package that kick-started the stalled Gatt round. Summit leaders promised a Uruguay round accord by mid-December. Mr Sutherland was "apprehensive" about prospects for a deal and saw "very serious risks" that the round might fail.

Business Roundup

Brent Walker rules out fire sale of William Hill

BRENT Walker, the debt-burdened leisure group, said it would not be forced into a fire sale of its William Hill bookmaking subsidiary, widely regarded as the jewel in its crown. Sir Keith Bright, the former head of London Transport who has been chairman for six months, told the annual meeting the parent group had to refinance William Hill by March 1, next year. He said all options were open, including a flotation or bringing in an equity partner.

Asked if the creditor banks would call the tune on the destiny of the racing subsidiary, the chairman replied: "We as a board have to take the decision. The banks will have to agree. But it will not be a fire sale." On Monday, Brent Walker confirmed it had received an approach to take over William Hill from a consortium led by SG Warburg, the merchant bank. It is believed the offer was about £360 million. Sir Keith also told shareholders that William Hill, Britain's second biggest bookmaker, had seen a substantial increase in turnover with the advent of evening racing. He said it "was more than just a few percentage points."

Clayhithe cuts deficit

CLAYHITHE, the investment and property group, reduced its loss for the year to March 31 from £963,000 to £366,000. After a loss of £1.1 million in the first half, the company made a profit of £724,000 in the six months to March, owing to improved trading, cost-cutting and the disposal of a loss-making business. Net asset value per share improved by 6p to 91p despite a writedown of £1.5 million against the value of the property portfolio and a charge of £503,000 against two loss-making investments. The dividend stays at 2.5p for the year. The shares rose 1p to 59p.

Kodak edges higher

EASTMAN Kodak announced second quarter net income of $371 million ($361 million), or $1.13 ($1.11) per share. The figures include $79 million in discontinued operations from its chemicals unit. The company said second quarter operating income in its imaging unit declined 2 per cent to $475 million, while the information unit reported operating income of $48 million ($31 million loss).The health unit operating income was $162 million, down 2 per cent. Kay Whitmore, the chairman, said: "We continue to believe the company will generate moderately higher sales this year."

Durrant losses deepen

GOODE Durrant, the industrial holding company, saw pre-tax losses deepen sharply to £15.3 million in the year to end-April from a £1.5 million loss last time. Losses per share were 31.2p (6.3p loss), but the total dividend stays at 5.40p, with a 3.25p final. Before exceptional costs, Goode Durrant made taxable profits of £4.5 million, against pre-exceptional profits of £5.1 million in the previous 12 months. However, the group had to make an £18.1 million provision for a goodwill write-off on the sale of discontinued operations.

Arlen rights issue

ARLEN, the electricals group, has announced a 1-for-1 rights issue at 21p a share to raise £6.7 million. The group said the money would be used to cut debt and to fund future investment. Fortress Trust, an investment company, will subscribe for a significant part of the rights to obtain a 29.9 per cent shareholding. Arlen also announced pre-tax profits of £719,000 (£884,000 loss) for the year to end-March. Earnings per share were 1.1p (3.8p lps). There is no dividend (nil). Existing shares rose 1p to 35p.

St James's buys IFM

ST JAMES's Place Capital, in which Lord Rothschild has a 20 per cent stake, is buying International Financial Markets Trading, the investment manager with $400 million under management. St James's intends bringing in a subsidiary of American International, the US insurance group, as a 20 per cent shareholder of IFM. St James's purchase price for 100 per cent is $9 million cash. A further $3 million is payable depending on current year earnings.

Aitken Hume declines

BAD debt provisions left Aitken Hume International, the financial services and banking group, nursing a loss of £1.4 million on its UK banking operations last year. Group pre-tax profits declined from £2.3 million to £713,000 in the year to end-March after exceptional items of £1.98 million (£582,000). The previous results were inflated by the £2 million sale of the Bachmann Group, a Guernsey financial services company. There is a dividend of 1p (0.5p).

Andrews Sykes slips

SHARES in Andrews Sykes, the air conditioning group, fell 17p to 100p yesterday after chairman David Hubbard gave warning that profits for the first half would be significantly below last time's £800,000. The board was defeated when a proposal, which needed 75 per cent approval, to allow it to issue new shares was was blocked by European Fire Protection Holdings, a Dutch company that owns a 29.67 per cent stake in Andrews Sykes.

Excalibur calls doctor

EXCALIBUR has appointed Arthur Church, a company doctor, to replace Richard Griffiths as chief executive. The mini-conglomerate made a pre-tax loss of £6.2 million (£20,000 profit) in the year to April 30 and has made provisions this time of £5.8 million against Excalibur Jewellery, the Park Lane manufacturing business that lost £1.6 million in the year. Excalibur is cutting the dividend for the year to 0.5 from 1p and the loss per share is 10.5p.

Russell to chair 3i

SIR George Russell is to become non-executive chairman of 3i, the risk capital group, on September 13, it was announced at its annual meeting yesterday. Alan Wheatley resigned as chairman in April after Barclays and National Westminster, which control 41 per cent of shares, turned against a flotation. Sir George is chairman of Marley and of the Independent Television Commission. Sir Max Williams, 3i's acting chairman, is to be deputy chairman.

Company results in brief

BANKS (SIDNEY C.) Fin
Pre-tax: £2.87m (£2.3m)
EPS: 22.5p (19.9p)
Div: 2p, mkg 9p
Dividend in previous year was 8.25p. No scrip dividend as an alternative to cash is being offered this time.

CORPORATE S'VICES(Int)
Pre-tax: £32,000
EPS: 0.11p (1.57p loss)
Div: Nil (nil)
There was a £466,000 loss last time. Turnover rose to £16.1m from £13.7m. Successful outturn expected for full year.

DYSON J&J (Fin)
Pre-tax: £1.05m (£1.1m)
EPS: 5.76p (8.54p)
Div: 3p, mkg 5p (5p)
Company has retained allocation to employee profit-sharing scheme in view of difficult market conditions that still prevail.

MITIE GROUP (Fin)
Pre-tax: £2.4m (£1.8m)
EPS: 13.3p (11.6p)
Div: 2p, mkg 3.5p
Total dividend in previous year was 2.75p. Turnover rose to £73m from £52.3m. Economy still shows no real sign of recovery.

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Interim dividend up 8%, a significant increase over inflation

	First half unaudited results to 30 June 1993	
PRE-TAX PROFIT	£906m	+35%
EARNINGS PER SHARE	19.6p	+66%
DIVIDEND PER SHARE	7.9p	+8%

- Record pre-tax profit for the half year of £906 million.
- Tobacco trading profit of £623 million, including £135 million profit on strategic exchange of brands.
- In financial services, profit from continuing general business up 75 per cent to £205 million; life profits up 10 per cent to £155 million.
- "The current year demonstrates the strategic value of having a strong position in financial services, as well as in tobacco. The interim dividend of 7.9 pence provides shareholders with a significant increase over the current rate of inflation."

Sir Patrick Sheehy, Chairman

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C&G cuts homes bad debt provision

BY SARA MCCONNELL
PERSONAL FINANCE CORRESPONDENT

CHELTENHAM & Gloucester's pre-tax profits for the six months to June 1993 were up 70 per cent to £75.3 million, due partly to a cut in provisions against bad debts to £75.3 million from £98.5 million. But the building society is pessimistic about the future of the housing market.

The substantial provisions for the same period in 1992 were mainly against possible bad debts on loans made by smaller societies taken over by the C&G, particularly the Portsmouth, and certain commercial loans.

Andrew Longhurst, the C&G's chief executive said: "Problems inherited from merged societies are now firmly behind us and the profit for the half year reflects current performance."

Mr Longhurst sees little prospect of an upturn in activity in the housing market in the short term.

"No general improvement in the UK housing market is likely in the immediate future, and consequently substantial provisions for mortgage losses have again been made," he said.

The society's gross mortgage lending rose by 4.6 per cent over the last six months to nearly £1.2 billion, following successful sales of fixed-rate mortgages, but it does not expect this rise to be sustained over the year as a whole.

Lending over the whole of 1993 is expected to be down on 1992's total "while the market remains in the doldrums".

Total assets rose by 2.5 per cent in the six months to £16.4 billion, with inflows from savers totalling £557.8 million. But again the society expects inflows for the year as a whole to fall below those of 1992.

The society's capital position has improved. Its gross capital ratio is now at 6.56 per cent, compared with 6.44 per cent at the end of 1992. Its free capital ratio is at 5.87 per cent, up from 5.66 per cent at the end of 1992.

The society's reserve ratio has also strengthened further to 4.73 per cent.

DES JENSON

Health warning: BAT's Martin Broughton, left, Sir Patrick Sheehy and David Allvey, finance director, expect the US price war to hot up

BAT leaps to record £906m despite US tobacco price war

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

BAT Industries, the tobacco and financial services group headed by Sir Patrick Sheehy, yesterday gave warning that the US tobacco price war, which has already had some impact on group profits, is hotting up.

To meet the challenge thrown down by Philip Morris in the US tobacco market, BAT's American division is to discount a number of its premium brand cigarettes by 40 cents a packet of 20.

The price war will make the American tobacco market less profitable, Sir Patrick said. But the US market was still large, and the industry was still highly cash generative. He added that the full financial implications of the price war could not yet been quantified, but admitted that it was "hurting". He said the effects would continue to be felt into 1994 — and beyond.

Martin Broughton, BAT's chief executive, said the Philip Morris price cutting had taken BAT by surprise, but he did not expect the price war to spread beyond America.

BAT's pre-tax profits for the six months to June 30 rose from £672 million to a record £906 million, which saw net earnings advance by 66 per cent to 19.6p a share. The interim dividend is 7.9p (7.3p) a share. BAT shares were 4p easier at 445½p.

Group revenue from continuing operations was £11.97 billion (£10.42 billion). Trading profits from financial services rose by £102 million to £360 million, and those of tobacco operations advanced from £518 million to £623 million.

Tobacco trading profits do, however, include the £135 million benefit derived from the recently announced Lucky Strike/Benson & Hedges brands swop. There are no further obvious brand swop arrangements to be made, BAT said yesterday.

Excluding the £135 million brands benefit, BAT's underlying trading profits from tobacco were 6 per cent lower in the first half.

Brown & Williamson, the US cigarette subsidiary, as earlier announced, suffered a $75 million hit because of trade destocking associated with the price war.

The US tobacco industry as a whole is now somewhat less profitable but still strongly cash generative, Sir Patrick stressed.

Within financial services, Eagle Star turned from a 1992 first half £39 million loss into a £45 million pre-tax profit. The total underwriting loss was lower at £97 million, despite a £24 million impact of the Bishopsgate bomb.

In America, Farmers' life profits continued to improve. The Mississippi floods do not pose a threat to Farmers because flood damage is covered by US government agencies, BAT said.

Two special factors which assisted first half results will not be repeated in the second half, though BAT expects that net earnings will continue to benefit from a lower tax charge that was just under 30 per cent for the first half.

The group still has a goal of restoring dividend cover to around two times.

The tobacco joint venture in the Ukraine is now established, and negotiations continue for a factory in Moscow. Discussions "with a number of other countries" about tobacco operations are also continuing, Sir Patrick said, and the group might return to Vietnam and Cambodia.

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BT profits of £757m draw criticism from both sides

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

British Telecom has flown into a fresh barrage of political flak after reporting sharply higher profits for the first quarter of its financial year.

Pre-tax profits of £757 million in the three months to June 30 compared with a reported £596 million last time. But the bulk of the advance came from the non-repetition of losses from the sale of businesses recorded in the previous figures.

BT said, therefore, that the actual profits increase on a directly comparable basis was only 3 per cent, from an adjusted taxable figure of £735 million. But Doug Hoyle, the Labour MP for Warrington North, attacked the figures and said: "If there are going to be any benefits they should be passed to the consumer, and not more and more profits which will lead, I have no doubt, to even higher salaries in the boardroom."

Iain Vallance, the chairman, used the occasion to warn shareholders again of the tough regulatory regime the company was facing. "Tighter price control will come into operation on 1st August, and the competitive pressures continue to increase," he said.

The City was disappointed both by the first quarter figures, at the bottom end of expectations, and the low rate of cost cutting. The fully paid shares were marked back 2p to 417p. The part-paid shares sold earlier this month in the BT3 issue lost ½p to 173½p.

The number of telephone calls made showed an encouraging increase, after a period when economic conditions have limited any rises in volumes. For inland calls, volumes were up by 2 per cent, after a year in which they were flat; the growth in international calls was 7 per cent.

At the start of June, BT said it planned to take a 20 per cent stake in MCI Communications Corporation, the second biggest telecoms group in the US, and create a joint venture. The deal is currently being finally agreed while clearing the necessary regulatory hurdles, but BT has already spent £544 million on a slice of MCI's preferred equity that will convert into an initial 4.9 per cent holding. The company is hopeful the deal can be completed by early 1994, although it may not be possible to clinch it before the end of the financial year.

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Ex-Lands to make £5.8m buy

BY CARL MORTISHED

ROBERT Bourne and Graham Bourne, the brothers who run Ex-Lands, the property group, are returning to the London property market with a £5.8 million acquisition after three years building golf courses on the Continent.

Ex-Lands is buying 62-86 Old Brompton Road, raising funds for the deal and further acquisitions with a placing and open offer of £15 million 7½ per cent convertible unsecured loan stock 2020.

Andrew Blurton, managing director, said that Ex-Lands would be looking for properties requiring active management and with potential for high yields. "We are not looking for an 8 per cent return and then sit back and collect the rent," he said.

The Bournes floated Local London, a business centre specialist, in 1986 at a value of £13 million. It was taken over, in 1989, by Priest Marians in a £111 million bid.

Ex-Lands estimates profits of not less than £723,000 for the year to June 30 and a 0.35p dividend for the year.

The Old Brompton Road site includes 13,700 sq ft of offices, nine flats and 13 shops.

Exodus from societies boosts Lloyds Abbey

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

FALLS in interest rates helped to lift profits at Lloyds Abbey Life, the insurance company 60 per cent owned by Lloyds Bank, as savers moved from building societies to unit trusts.

Pre-tax profits at the company, chaired by Sir Simon Hornby, rose 7 per cent to £152.5 million in the first half of 1993, but the dividend stays at 6.3p, in line with a policy of waiting for improvement in distributable profits.

All the UK-based businesses increased profits, with Black Horse Financial Services, which sells only to Lloyds Bank customers, leading with a £9 million rise in pre-tax profits to £60 million. This reflected a 250 per cent leap in external unit trust sales to £332.2 million, helping to offset flat regular premium life and pensions sales of £34.4 million. Lloyds Bank Insurance Services, which sells general insurance to the bank's customers, lifted profits £500,000 to £28.5 million.

Profits at Abbey Life Assurance edged up from £67.8 million to £69 million, helped by a leap of nearly 70 per cent in external unit trust sales. Stephen Maran, chief executive, said that sales remained "considerable" but were past their peak. However, single premium pensions fell from £57.5 million to £41.1 million and regular premium pensions fell 7 per cent to £19.8 million, reflecting, Mr Maran said, reluctance by the self-employed to start regular payments.

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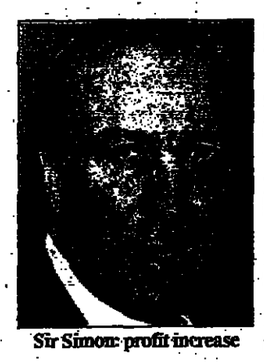


Sir Simon: profit increase

Paper firm profits jump 76%

BY JON ASHWORTH

DAVID S Smith (Holdings), the paper and packaging group, increased pre-tax profits 76 per cent to £27.1 million in the year to May 1. The gain was largely driven by operating profits of £24.2 million from Kaysersberg Packaging of France, which was bought in April 1992.

The Kaysersberg contribution was offset by an overall deterioration in the results of the UK paper and packaging business due to pressure on margins. Alan Clements, chairman, said the group had shown resilience in a difficult economic environment.

Borrowings, including leases, rose to £119 million (£46 million). Gearing rose from 23 per cent to 57 per cent because of capital investment, acquisitions and the impact of the translation of French franc borrowings. An interest charge of £11 million compared with income of £2 million last time. Earnings per share were 22p (11.5p). A final dividend of 7.25p (6.75p) makes 10p (9.5p).

Hunt expects 2,800 UK jobs will be created by US firms

FROM PHILIP BASSETT IN SALT LAKE CITY

BRITAIN is set to win up to 2,800 new jobs from American companies expected to announce their intention to invest in the UK for the first time or expand existing operations.

The news follows a visit to America by David Hunt, the employment secretary, that sought to to attract investment to the UK.

Mr Hunt, who flies to Los Angeles today for meetings with ten companies considering setting up in Britain, has already seen about the same number of firms in a whistle-stop tour taking in Washington, Delaware, Philadelphia, Denver, Salt Lake City and flooded St Louis in Missouri. He will tour Japan in September in a similar attempt to woo new business.

The principal purpose of the American trip is to examine American workfare schemes for applicability to Britain. That has drawn criticism from Frank Dobson, Labour's employment spokesman. Mr Hunt looked at schemes in Utah yesterday under which unemployed people must work or lose their benefit.

John Major, the prime minister, provoked a political storm this year when he publicly raised the idea of workfare in Britain, though a small pilot programme in Norfolk that has some workfare elements has prompted only limited take-up.

The American companies close to making announcements include a large state bank, a plastics firm and high-tech manufacturers. Mr Hunt said yesterday that the number of jobs involved totalled about 2,000, with the prospect of a further 800 in companies from the US West Coast he has yet to see. The new jobs would come to the South, Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland, and half are expected in the financial sector, with an announcement on that due to be made soon.

Mr Hunt has been selling the cost benefits of moving to Britain rather than Ireland, Germany or France — three other EC locations being considered by Americans — especially in the light of the Commons' vote last week endorsing an opt-out from the social chapter of the Maastricht Treaty.

Mr Hunt said in Salt Lake City yesterday that at least one American company had said it would reconsider its likely commitment to Britain if the UK was to embrace the social chapter. He added that most of the firms he had seen were both aware of the chapter and of the advantages to the UK in not being covered by it.

Britain, with 3,500 American firms, enjoys more US investment than France, Germany and Italy combined.

SUMMARY OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1992

GENERALI
THE INSURER WITHOUT FRONTIERS.

The Generali Group has further strengthened its position as leader in insurance on an international scale. Among its operations in 1992, the most important related to the Spanish market where, following the agreements with Banco Hispano-Americano, Generali assumed management of the holding in which each has an equal share and which controls six insurance companies with premiums amounting to some 200 billion pesetas. Generali furthermore acquired control of the Federation Ins. Co. of Canada in Montreal, of Atlas of Lima, and of an English holding company. It increased its majority stakes in the BMA of Kansas City – now up to 100% – and in the Unione Mediterranea di Sicurtà of Genoa. It set up holding companies, into which it put insurance shareholdings, in Belgium and Germany and it took over an Italian farming company. In the early months of 1993 Generali has taken control of Nacional in Ecuador; has participated in the establishment of a company in Rumania, Generala Asigurări, in which it has a majority stake, and has extended agreements with banking institutions for the distribution of insurance and financial products through banks' branches.
Initiatives are also under way towards the twin objectives of, on the one hand, optimising the Group's structure in some of its traditional territories such as Belgium and Germany (following Holland where such an operation has already been completed) and, on the other hand, expanding the Group's presence in Latin America, East Europe and the Far East.

1992 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT

ASSETS (000 ECU)*	1992	1991
Building and farm property	5,547,427	4,569,230
Fixed-interest securities	21,192,458	15,661,764
Shares and equity participations	5,022,561	3,940,848
Loans	2,147,552	1,685,861
Deposits with Ceding Companies	426,349	353,798
Bank deposits	2,111,959	1,438,800
Accounts receivable and other assets	4,672,591	3,193,988
Total	41,120,897	30,844,289
LIABILITIES (000 ECU)*		
Provisions for insurance liabilities	31,772,006	22,594,717
Reinsurance deposits	402,941	383,330
Other liabilities	2,722,627	2,178,720
Minority shareholders' interest	1,249,772	961,370
Shareholders' surplus	4,649,708	4,408,569
Profit for the year	323,843	317,583
Total	41,120,897	30,844,289

* All figures have been converted at the rate of exchange of £ 1 = ECU 1.252.

■ This statement consolidates 82 insurance companies (including 8 Europ Assistance companies) operating in some 40 markets, 27 holding companies, 23 property companies and 3 farming companies.

■ The profit is 323.8m. ECU, slightly above that of the preceding year, but nevertheless notable in that it was achieved under unfavourable economic conditions and despite writedowns in security valuations. These were reflected in the account (ECU 309.3m. against ECU 118.4m. in 1991) and were exceptionally high due also to the extremely prudent criteria that were applied. Particularly satisfactory was the operating result, which improved by ECU 76.4m. to reach nearly ECU 225m.

■ Consolidated premiums amounted to ECU 12,628.4m. against ECU 9,013.7m. in 1991. This 40.1% rise was influenced also by the inclusion of new companies in the consolidation and by the effect of exchange rate variations. Premiums in Life insurance amounted to ECU 5,161.1m., in Non-Life to ECU 7,467m.

■ Claims paid amounted to ECU 6,369.9m.

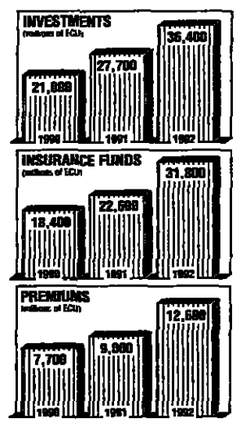
■ Provisions for insurance liabilities increased by ECU 4,473.9m.

■ Production and administrative costs amounted to ECU 3,038.7m. The ratio of costs to premiums declined from 29% in 1991 to 27.1%.

■ Investments rose to ECU 36,448.3m. (+31.8%), against which provisions for insurance liabilities amounted to ECU 31,772m.

■ Investment income totalled ECU 3,001.7m. (+41.2%).

■ Overall shareholders' equity amounted to ECU 5,842.8m., of which 79.6% pertains to the Parent Company.



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STOCK MARKET

Shares end below best as investors discount German rate cut

SHARE prices closed below their best yesterday, with City investors already beginning to discount today's expected cut in German interest rates.

The FT-SE 100 index was up more than 16 points at one stage, climbing again back through the 2,900 level. However, it could not maintain momentum ahead of the Bundesbank meeting and closed only 4.8 up, at 2,884.2. Volume was a healthy 690 million shares, with brokers turning to an optimistic view of short-term prospects. Most fund managers are pinning their hopes on a cut in British interest rates if the Germans meet City expectations.

Brokers are starting to report better two-way business. Their views were backed-up by several large lines of stock on offer which were quickly snapped up. The biggest was a line of 13 million **Forte** shares sold by an institution reducing its weighting in the stock. The shares were placed with another institution by the stockbroker Cazenove at about 207p. Forte finished 5p lower at 214p.

There was also on offer a line of 3.7 million **Taunton Cider**, which James Capel is reckoned to have placed at 198p. The shares are thought to have belonged to Taunton directors. Taunton closed 1p lighter at 204p, after 200p.

Turnover was also swollen by a line of 13 million **Harrison Industries** going through the market. By the close, 27 million had changed hands, with the price steady at 5p.

There was also further heavy dealing in **Babcock International**, with 14 million traded as the price rose 1½p to 39½p. In spite of a cut dividend, some brokers view the 7 per cent yield as attractive and expect news of a new chief executive soon.

Among leaders, **British Gas** climbed 7p to 305½p as the date for publication of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission report on the gas industry was made known. Brokers say that the shares have been left behind and are starting to look undervalued.

BAT Industries touched 457p before ending 4p lower at 445½p after half-year pre-tax profits rose from £672 million to £906 million.

BT shed 1½p to 417½p, with the partly paid unchanged at 174p after first-quarter pre-tax profits up from £575 million to £596 million, even after further charges, of £53 million, relating to cutting 1,200 more jobs.

Wellcome jumped 31p to 696p — for a two-day lead of 56p — and **Glaxo** added 10p at 558p after both companies announced joining forces with Warner-Lambert, the US pharmaceuticals group, to form global over-the-counter partnerships. Both companies say that this will enable them to maximise the potential of their ethical pharmaceuticals once patent protection expires. Wellcome will develop and market OTC versions of its anti-viral Zovirax; the deal with Glaxo will take in a version of its anti-ulcer Zantac. Glaxo said the deal would let it exploit OTC potential of its drugs while leaving it to develop prescription products.

British Steel shed ½p, to 109p, after offering shareholders a glimmer of hope at the annual meeting. Brian Moffat, chairman, said prospects were brighter than a year ago and that the group would continue its drive to improve performance. However, he said performance could be undermined by a strong pound in such a competitive market.

There was little such optimism at **National Power** as Sir Trevor Holdsworth, chairman, forecast a 13 per cent fall in output, because of loss of market share, and noted reduced scope for cost-cutting at a rate that would produce the sort of profits growth seen in recent years. The shares shrugged off the warning, adding 2p to 359p. **Scottish Power** also firmed 2p, to 331p, after its annual meeting.

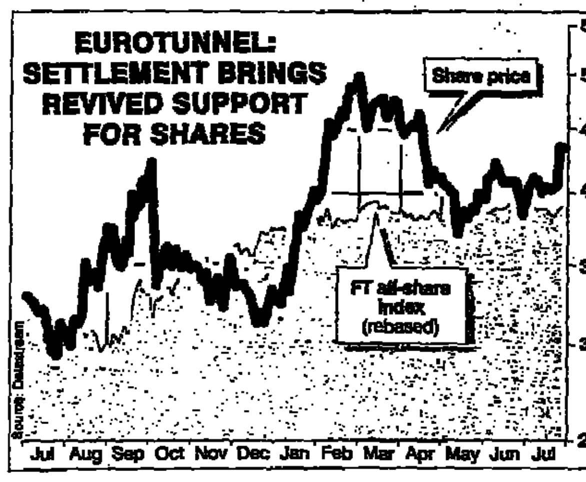
MML, the marketing group, was steady at 31p. Almost 97 per cent of its recent rights issue, at 22p, was taken up.

Whitbread 'A' added 4p at 501p in response to Tuesday's annual meeting and is just 11p below its all-time high. The stockbroker Shaw & Co says that the shares have had a good run on talk about enfranchisement, but is now urging clients to take profits.

☐ **GILT-EDGED**: Gilts enjoyed sizable gains, helped by the surprisingly large over-subscription of the £3.25 billion gilt auction. Investors not allocated stock were forced to chase the rest of the market higher, still confident of a further softening in interest rates soon.

The September series of the **long gilt** touched £109¹/₃₂ before closing almost £½ up at £108⁷/₁₆, with 46,000 contracts completed. In longs, **Treasury 9 per cent 2012** rose ⁵/₈ to £110³/₄. At the other end, **Treasury 9½ per cent 1999** climbed 15 ticks to £110³¹/₃₂. The partly paid auction stock **Treasury 7 per cent 2001** added ¾ to £17²⁷/₃₂.

MICHAEL CLARK



Recession in Europe drives Ford into red

By Kevin Eason
Motoring Correspondent

■ Ford of Britain, the car company's most important European business, has contributed substantially to burgeoning losses that could force plant shutdowns

FORD faces more cuts and shutdowns as it slides deep into the red because of the recession in Europe hitting sales in Britain and abroad.

Jaguar, the Ford subsidiary, has already lost about £79 million in the first half of the year, in spite of rapidly improving worldwide sales.

Executives at Ford's Dearborn headquarters in Michigan reported yesterday that second-quarter losses in Europe ran to $75 million (profit of $150 million).

The Ford of Britain subsidiary, the company's most important European business, is thought to have contributed a substantial amount to the losses as competition stiffens in markets across Europe. The rapid slowdown on the Continent, where British factories were making substantial gains, means that Ford executives here are unable to rule out the possibility of short-time working again in spite of the recent upturn in the UK market.

David McCammon, a Ford vice-president, attributed the losses in the second quarter to sharply lower sales in all of the carmaker's major European markets. He said the downturn made it "very unlikely" Ford would be profitable in Europe this year and it was too soon to predict when a turnround would come because sales were so weak.

The European results come as a disappointment to Ford, whose other markets are all profitable. Second-quarter worldwide earnings were $775 million ($1.43 a share), against $387 million ($0.70) a share a year ago. But the scale of the recession in Europe had Harold Poling, Ford's chairman, revising predictions for overall sales in the European market downwards to 12.4 million units — a fall of 17 per cent year on year.

Ford's share of the new car market dropped 0.2 per cent to 11.3 per cent in the second quarter. What is troubling Ford is the prospect of worse to come. Mr Poling said: "In Europe, the economies of most major markets continued to worsen in the second quarter. I am not sure we have seen the bottom there yet."

However, the new Mondeo is giving heart with 250,000 models ordered since its launch in March. Jaguar continues to be a cash drain but big gains in quality and productivity are encouraging executives. Although the second-quarter deficit was $60 million, Jaguar was improving rapidly, Ford said.

PETER TRIEVNOR

One under the eight: Gary Pettet, managing director, left, and Tim Thwaites, chairman, revealed pre-tax profits of £764,000 in Grosvenor Inns' first full year since flotation in May, 1992. Earnings per share were 7.4p. A second half dividend of 2.25p makes a 4.25p total. There are no comparative figures for the company, best known for its Slug and Lettuce pubs, because at the time of flotation three businesses were merged.

BT — First Quarter Results

Results for first quarter ended 30 June, 1993

	3 months ended 30 June, 1993 Unaudited £m	3 months ended 30 June, 1992 Unaudited £m
Turnover	3,335	3,273
Operating profit	813	799
Loss on sale of subsidiary companies	-	135
Profit before tax	757	596
Profit after tax	496	351
Earnings per share	7.9p	5.6p

Highlights excluding the impact of disposed subsidiaries

- **Turnover up by 2.9%**
- **Profit before tax up by 3.0%**
- **Earnings per share up by 1.0%**

"The results for the quarter are encouraging, showing growth in both UK and international call volumes.

Earnings per share for the quarter were slightly ahead of last year's comparable position, reflecting the turnover growth and the benefits of our manpower reduction programmes. However, tighter price control will come into operation on 1st August and the competitive pressures continue to increase.

The global alliance with MCI announced last month will provide BT with a significantly enhanced presence in North America and improve our ability to compete internationally."

Iain Vallance
Chairman
28 July, 1993

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MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:		FALLS:	
Cater Allen	517p (+13p)	Thomson Corp	785p (+10p)
Gerrard Nat	444p (+10p)	Blenheim Group	468p (+18p)
SG Warburg	736p (+17p)	Capita Group	151p (-12p)
Mitel	369p (+28p)	Pearson	457p (-10p)
Takeda Chem	808p (+10p)	Liberty	615p (-10p)
Tibbet & Britten	708p (+10p)	QS Holdings	185p (-30p)
Wellcome	696p (+31p)	Euro Disney	663p (-12p)
Lloyds Abbey	418p (+11p)		
Burmah Castrol	731p (+15p)		

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RECENT ISSUES

Anagen (100)	86	...	Eaglet Inv Warrants	44	+5
Baring Chrysalis C (339)	356	...	Enviromed (110)	115	...
Baring Emrg Mkts ($10)	679	...	Eurotunnel Wrrnts 1993	22	+2½
BT (Partly/Paid) (150)	174	...	Field Group (250)	286	...
Business Post (120)	140	-3	Fine Decor (210)	261	...
Carpetright (148)	174	+1	Finsbury Smaller Co's C	149	...
Celsis International (100)	101	...	Govett Emerging Mkts	102	...
Court Cavendish (225)	197	...	Govett Emerging Mkts Wts	46	...
Cresion Warrants	7	...	Johnson Fry Utils (100)	106	...
Devro International (170)	196	+2	-do- Zero Pf	102	+½
Eaglet Inv Trust	96	...	Kerry Group A	265	...

New York — Merck and Co and Du Pont Co led a decline that pushed Wall Street shares lower at midday. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 6.15 points at 3,559.31.

☐ **Tokyo** — Japanese shares ended lower on arbitrage unwinding. The Nikkei index closed down 61.81, or 0.31 per cent, at 19,829.58. Prices began firmer on buying linked to new investment trust funds, but investors were still wary, without knowing the shape of Japan's next government.

☐ **Frankfurt** — Shares were caught in a futures-led decline late on, after a weaker bond market depressed futures. The Dax closed down 11.32, at 1,833.91, its day's low. (Reuter)

	Jul 28 midday	Jul 27 close
AMP Inc	60	60
AMR Corp	64	64
Abbott Labs	25	25
Aetna Life	57	57
Ahmanson (HF)	19	20
Air Prod & Chem	42	42
Albertson's	51	51
Alcan Aluminum	20	19
Alco Standard	45	45
Allied Signal	69	69
Alum Co of Am	73	72
Amax	24	24
Amerada Hess	50	49
Amer Brands	32	33
Amer Cyanamid	52	52
Amer El Power	38	38
Amer Express	33	34
Amer Genl Corp	30	30
Amer Home Pr	64	64
Amer Intl	135	136
Amer Stores	44	44
Amer T & T	64	64
Ameritech	79	78
Amoco	54	54
Anheuser-Busch	47	46
Apple Computer	27	28
Archer Daniels	23	23
Arkla	9	9
Armco	6	6
Armstrong Wrld	34	34
Asarco	19	18
Ashland Oil	28	28
Atl Richfield	115	114
Auto Data Pro	49	49
Avery Dennison	28	27
Avon Products	57	57
Baker Hughes	26	27
Baltim Gas & El	25	25
Banc One	54	54
BankAmerica	44	44
Bank of NY	55	55
Bankers Tr NY	77	76
Barnett Banks	46	47
Bausch & Lomb	46	46
Baxter Intl	26	26
Becton Dickinsn	36	36
Bell Atlantic	59	59
BellSouth	57	57
Black & Decker	21	21
Block (H&R)	35	35
Boeing	38	38
Boise Cascade	21	21
Borden Inc	15	17
Bristol Myrs Sq	56	57
Browning Ferris	24	24
Burlington Nthn	56	56
CBS	249	249
CNA Financial	89	89
CPC Intl	40	41
CSX	74	73
Campbell Soup	35	35
Can Pacific	15	15
Cptl Cities ABC	509	510
Cptl Holdings	42	42
Carolina Pwr	33	33
Caterpillar	78	79
Central & SW	33	33
Champion Intl	33	33
Chase Manhat	31	32
Chemical Bk	40	40
Chevron Corp	88	87
Chrysler	42	44
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LEGAL NOTICES

Albion Commercial Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Sherlock House, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF on 4th August 1993 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 99 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 p.m on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
DATED THIS 27TH JULY 1993
SH Karmel, Director.

The Insolvency Act 1986
BERRIDATE SERVICES
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MAURICE RAYMOND DORRINGTON, of Pannell Kerr & Appleby, 4 CHARTERHOUSE SQUARE, LONDON EC1M 6EN, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 22nd July 1993
Dated this 27th day of July 1993
M.R. DORRINGTON, Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF BRIDAN HOLDINGS LIMITED, CATCHSTREAM LIMITED, C A GOOD & CO LIMITED, CA GOOD & CO (MINERALS) LIMITED AND HABERSON LIMITED
THE Insolvency Act 1986
On 26 July the above companies were placed into members' voluntary liquidation and JB Stephenson of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF was appointed liquidator by the shareholders.
The liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of any of the above companies must send details, in writing, of any claim against these companies to the liquidator, at the above address by 6 September 1993 which is the last day for proving claims. The liquidator also gives notice that she will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.
The Companies are able to pay all their known creditors in full.
Dated 26 July 1993
JB Stephenson Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
COMMUNICADO LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 12th August 1993 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2) (a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information they may require.
Dated this 21st day of July 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
P.SABIN DIRECTOR.

RE: FUTURE FINISHES LIMITED AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, on Monday the 9th August 1993, at 2.00 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purposes mentioned in Section 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A Segal & Co., Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, between 10.00a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from Thursday 5th August 1993.
Dated this 23rd day of July 1993
G. TUDOR HART/Director.

RE: HOUSE OF CONTINA LIMITED AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford Essex, IG1 1QJ on Friday the 16th August 1993, at 10.00 O'clock in the fore noon, for the purposes mentioned in Section 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for the inspection, free of charge at the offices of A Segal & Co., Treviot House, 186-192 High Road Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, between 10.00 am and 4.00p.m as from Wednesday 14th August 1993.
Dated this 14th day of July
BERNARD CONDON, Director

Glenthate Film & Video Limited
Registered number 2446729
Nature of business: RECREATIONAL SERVICES
Trade classification:39
Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s): 16th July 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receiver(s): National Westminster Bank Plc. J.J. Schapira ACA and F. Mostack, FCA Joint Administrative Receivers
(office holder nos 8784 and 23441, Leonard Curtis & Co P.O. Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF.

POLTEC (UK) Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the office of Leonard Curtis & Co. Situated at PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF. On 10th August 1993 at 15.00 for the purposes provided in Section 92 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
DATED THIS 23rd July 1993
A. Green, Director

COURT REF. No. JF644

An action has been raised in Edinburgh Sheriff Court by John Morton residing at 3 Burghmuir Court, Linlithgow, Pursuer, for the appointment of David James Finlay Halliday, Solicitor, 36 Heriot Row, Edinburgh as curator bonis to John Fyfe residing some time at 2 Elvanbank Cottages, 38 Westfield Road, Edinburgh and presently a patient at Belgrave Nursing Home, 45 Belgrave Road, Edinburgh EH12 6NG. Any person desiring to oppose the appointment should lodge answers in the hands of the Sheriff Clerk, 92 Lauriston Place, Edinburgh within 28 days of the date of this notice.

Michael J Ferrie
Messrs Orr MacQueen WS
36 Heriot Row
EDINBURGH
Solicitor for Pursuer

PUBLIC NOTICES

JAMES C LIMMER

Wishes it to be known that his association with PANNONE & PARTNERS of 14 New Street, London EC2 ceased on 30th April 1993. The continued use of his name as a partner on the notepaper of PANNONE & PARTNERS since that date is without his consent and JAMES LIMMER disclaims all responsibility for any debts and liabilities of that firm.

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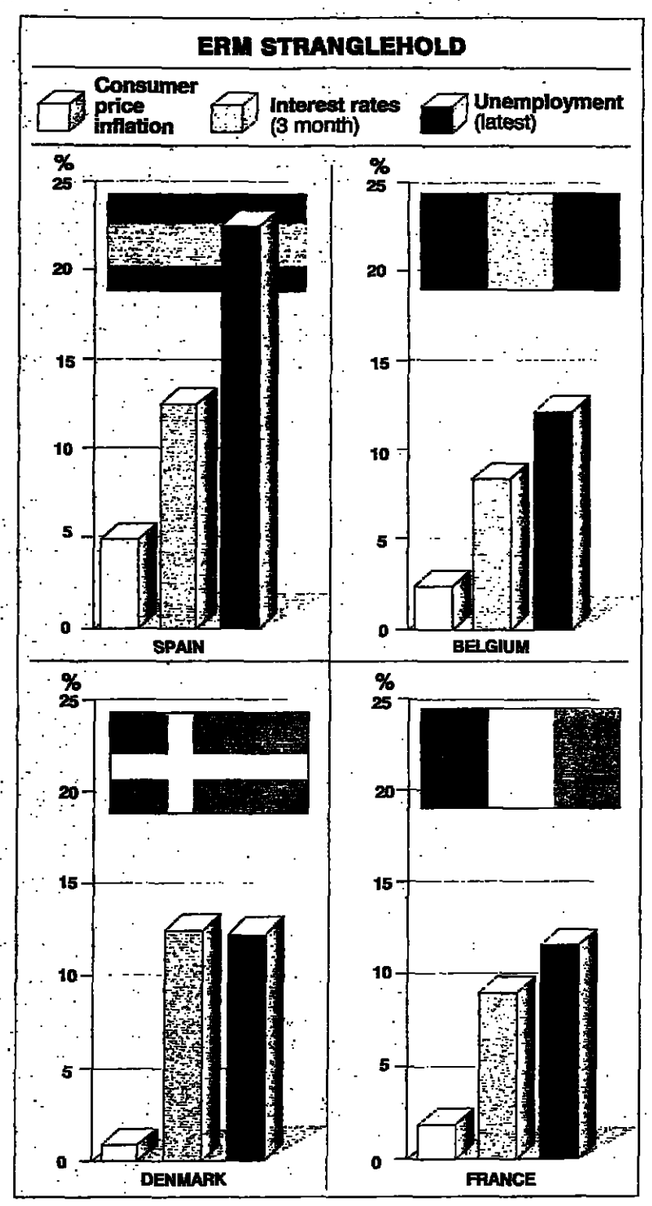
ECONOMIC VIEW

How many more jobs will be sacrificed on the EMU altar?

Janet Bush argues that even a big cut in German interest rates today will not be enough to bail out the ERM or Europe's struggling economies



You could be excused for having a giggle when Kenneth Clarke, flanked by his French counterparts at the Anglo-French summit this week, said that it was in Britain's interests for there to be *stability in the exchange-rate mechanism*. Was he displaying his well-known pro-European credentials, so carefully hidden during the Maastricht months? Or was he just being polite and sympathising, from the vantage point of experience, with the awful problems his French colleagues are having with their own currency?

Or was he indeed pleading on behalf of his chums in the Midlands for the remaining members of the ERM to — for pity's sake! — keep the thing together and so keep Britain's competitive advantage *for as long as possible*.

The latter may seem cynical, but such thoughts are not uncommon in industry. There were members of the Confederation of British Industry this week who viewed the possibility of the franc (and by implication others) floating free of the ERM with horror because of what it would do to their ability to compete. What a nonsense. It is like the English cricket team boasting about victory against an Australian side choosing to play with one arm tied behind the back. Playing against a handicapped opposition may provide a useful "feel good" reprieve from the gloom of successive failures of the past but the future of British industry lies in being able to compete in the long term against equals.

The CBI this week voiced deep concerns about Britain's export boom turning to dust because of continental Europe's worsening ERM-created recession, a worry widely shared by ministers in Westminster.

There is clearly a balance between the temporary competitive advantage, which has been enjoyed by exporters since September's departure from the ERM against countries still stuck in the ERM and trying to do business in export markets crippled for months by absurdly high interest rates.

Britain's interests clearly lie in seeing growth in Europe and that is impossible if Mr Clarke gets his wish for stability in the ERM in current circumstances. This mismatch between the increasingly desperate needs of European economies and the desires of *politicians, of course, lies at the heart of* the current, systemic policy failure in Europe and the harsh judgment of that failure by the financial markets.

The "financial markets" do not, in this case, constitute some kind of wilfully destructive force whose most public manifestation is George Soros. Apart from anything else, it is time to end this particular personality cult if only because, as long as Mr Soros enjoys a sheep-like following every time he pronounces, he will make money more easily than everyone else. *Of course, as Mr Soros has confessed* repeatedly, he is not speculating against the franc, a fact that has been greeted by pro-ERM types as a matter of relief. But the comfort level is limited. It must be worrying to the French that the selling power ranged against the franc and other European currencies this time is not speculative *in the pejorative sense often used*.

Much of the pressure brought to bear on the franc in the past couple of weeks has come from French companies and financial institutions seeking quite rationally to protect themselves against the chance (which they clearly believe is considerable) of a franc devaluation or float. As Mark Austin of Midland Global Markets points out: "As with sterling last September, it will be the actions of a large number of institutions each with a relatively small exposure that determines the fate of the EMS."

And what of that fate? It is highly unlikely that this week will see the collapse of the ERM and the start of a growth policy for Europe. It is a betting certainty that the Bundesbank will cut its official rates later today but that will not end the question.

By caving in on its domestic responsibilities again, the Bundesbank has only bought time — how much will depend on what German and French economic statistics emerge in the next few weeks when the Bundesbank is in recess. If there are more signs that the German economy is stabilising and further evidence of deepening recession in France, the crisis of confidence in the ERM will soon re-emerge.

Germany will try and hold the system together by drip feeding the markets with lower weekly repo rates and more gradual cuts in official rates in the autumn. The French will try to muddle through as unemployment goes on rising, using intervention, higher short-term interest rates — coupled with moral suasion to prevent French commercial banks from passing these on to their customers — and the proceeds of the Balladur bond to stimulate the economy a little.

More proactive measures could be taken in extremis this autumn if pressure continues to plague the system — virtually unavoidable if the death by a thousand cuts route is taken. It must also be remembered that every time the Bundesbank intervenes to help the franc or other weak currencies in the system, its precious M3 measure of money supply balloons. Some kind of realignment might be preferable to such large scale disruption of its monetary policy.

Mr Austin suggests, although he does not believe even this least-worst option will solve the ERM problems, that the mark and the Dutch guilder could be revalued. Although this would hit German exporters when they can ill afford it, this option would at least avoid singling out any one currency for devaluation and would allow lower rates around Europe.

Another option, suggested by Alison Cottrell, Midland Global's international economist, is for the Bundesbank to cut the discount rate to 3 or 4 per cent, leaving its lombard and repo rates roughly unchanged. The Bundesbank could thus keep tight control of liquidity and interest rates in the money markets but still provide European governments with an assurance that German rates are heading down to the discount rate level at some stage and allowing them to cut their own rates accordingly.

The discount rate is merely a form of subsidised lending to German banks. If the Bundesbank baulked at lending at such low levels, it could simply cut banks' quotas for discount rate borrowing. Rather neatly, its Frankfurt directorate could marginalise fractious regional bank heads, needed for decisions on the discount rate but not for the repo rate.

Of course, none of this is going to happen because European politicians will go on sacrificing jobs on the altar of their desire to be big fishes in the ocean called European monetary union. But at some stage the political *tide will be rolled back by the economic* reality of low inflation, punitive interest rates and dreadful levels of unemployment.

Spain is expected tomorrow to announce a staggering 22.5 per cent unemployment rate for the second quarter — not surprising then that the peseta has buckled this week. French unemployment, also out tomorrow, is expected to have risen to 11.6 per cent and yet overnight money is at 10 per cent. Denmark and Belgium have both raised interest rates to defend their currencies during the latest ERM saga: both have unemployment rates of more than 12 per cent and rising.

Presumably only when Europe's leaders are threatened with their own jobs will they ask themselves whether exchange-rate stability is the primary aim of economic policy.

TEMPUS

Chewed tobacco

AGAINST the backdrop of a 66 per cent rise *in earnings, the 6 per cent drop in BAT* Industries' underlying tobacco profits in the first half of the year looks modest, and investors could be forgiven for thinking that there will be fewer casualties in the American cigarette war than previously feared. In reality the battle has hardly begun and the group is likely to sustain far more damage as the year progresses.

The price cuts on branded cigarettes that Brown & Williamson has been forced to make to keep pace with Philip Morris and RJR do not take effect until August 9. The cuts will reduce overall revenue by at least 5 per cent despite the small increase the group is pushing through on its larger discount brands. In a full year this will cut profits from the American tobacco business by at least half, or perhaps $300 million. BAT's size has *so far allowed it to shrug off the effects of the* discounting. But not all of the group's other operations are in rude health either. The German cigarette market is suffering pressure while continuing heavy provisions against domestic mortgage-related business are still keeping Eagle Star in the red. The most graphic illustration of the group's own caution is the 8 per cent lift in dividend after such strong earnings growth. Sir Patrick Sheehy must be thankful that he eased high borrowings with the enhanced scrip dividend before the cigarette war began in earnest.

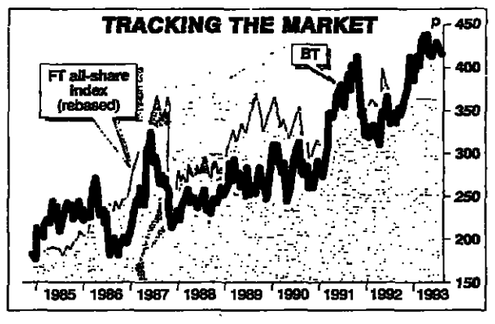
BAT still looks undervalued on less than 13 times even pessimistic estimates of current year earnings. The market, though, is currently being driven by events in America rather than dull financial multiples.

British Telecom

SOMEONE in the ranks of banks and brokers that brought BT3 *to the market* would have had to have slipped up badly for there to be anything startling in BT's first-quarter figures. This was inconceivable given the efforts expended in selling the shares and massaging the market to receive them.

Instead, the City's pedants were left to fidget over a minuscule increase in the tax charge while taking heart at the tiny rise in call volumes. *That the number of phone* calls being made is growing again is indeed encouraging, as an indicator of economic health as well as corporate wealth, but its importance is dwarfed by the impact of the RPI minus 7.5 percentage points pricing regime that *starts to bite next month* and covers three pounds in every five the company earns. Competitive and regulatory pressures in the home market can be offset only by *successful overseas expansion*. Any proof of this is still a long way down the line, even if the joint venture with MCI is a reasonable start.

For now the full-paid shares offer a better-than-average yield of 5 per cent and have a history of tracking the market closely. New holders of BT3 should have the week starting August 16 ringed in red in their diaries. The shares go ex-dividend on that Monday, and on the Thursday the BT3 share stabilisation programme ends, a double witching hour that could see an uncomfortably volatile trading spell.



OTC drugs

SHORN of the corporate hyperbole to which joint ventures are peculiarly prone, the Wellcome, Glaxo, Warner-Lambert troika can be summarised thus: Wellcome has managed to contract out the marketing of its over-the-counter products to a larger and stronger competitor and will willingly forgo some of the profits in return for being allowed to concentrate on ethical drugs.

Glaxo is anxious to join the party but as yet lacks the admission ticket of an OTC *drug. Joining the Americans* in developing Zantac as one will hasten the process but that is years away. The immediate benefit is that Glaxo will not now spend a fortune buying into the market.

Had the venture been in place in 1992 it would have handled sales of $1.6 billion, several hundred million dollars ahead of the nearest American competitor in that market, but it would have done little for Wellcome's profits and nothing for Glaxo's. Zovirax and Zantac have promise on the OTC market, but they also have their potential competitors.

The abrupt upward lurch in both share prices yesterday lunchtime has more to do with relief and the recent dearth of good news in the sector than any change in the earnings outlook.

Lloyds Abbey

LLOYDS Abbey Life is still Britain's leading proponent of bancassurance, the tie between banking and life assurance, but its penetration of Lloyds Bank's customer base looks underwhelming. Discounting unit trust sales, new premium income at Black *Horse Financial Services fell* by a tenth in the first half. Admittedly, unit trust sales grew strongly, but they are low-margin products and Lloyds Bank was skilled at selling them before Abbey Life appeared on the scene.

The slowdown at Black Horse suggests that bank customers are far less susceptible to one-stop shopping in financial services than the architects of bancassurance in *the eighties supposed. As a* result, Lloyds Abbey's future growth looks far less certain than the market was once led to believe. The company is still geared to economic recovery through Bowmaker and the estate agency chain, *but the turn will be slow.*

On a yield of 5.2 per cent, Lloyds Abbey shares are not dear, but the prospects for dividend growth look meagre. One day Lloyds Bank will probably buy in the 40 per cent it does not own, but that could be years away. *There is little point holding* the shares until then.

German rates

THE foreign exchanges have been discounting another cut in the German discount rate since the weekend and the *franc will go into an irretriev*able tailspin if the Bundesbank fails to perform as expected this afternoon.

The market believes the Bundesbank could go further than the expected half point, a cut that would itself do more damage to the German economy, where inflation and the money supply are still running too high. Even if the Bundesbank does order such a drastic cut, it is rash to *assume peace will break out* in Europe's dealing rooms. If German rates are cut so low and the health of the economy is uncertain, the mark could soon be the currency under pressure.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Revenue raiser

A WHITE knight has galloped to the rescue of the cash-strapped Conservative party after the departure of Algy Cluff as the Tories' overseas fundraiser. David Davies, chairman of Johnson Matthey, is said to be limiting his Tory fundraising efforts to Hong Kong. Away this week and unable to comment, Davies could hardly be said to be a surprising choice. In the early eighties, he was brought in by the Keswick family to turn round their then debt-ridden HongKong Land. He resigned in 1986 and returned to England to become chief executive of Hill Samuel the following year. He still retains his many links with Hong Kong, sitting on the board of Wharf Holdings, *the shipping-to-property* conglomerate founded by Sir Y K Pao. He owns a beautiful home on a Hong Kong peak to which he travels at least a half a dozen times a year. The bustling city also holds special personal memories, for it was there that he met Linda, the daughter of a wealthy Chinese businessman, who became his second wife. With his easy *charm and extensive* Hong Kong contacts, Davies seems just the right man to start refilling Tory coffers.

Paper chase

THE guards of Fortress City do not seem enough to put City solicitor Linklaters & Paines at ease. Just after the Bishopsgate bomb, which littered City streets with confidential documents, Linklaters asked its staff to follow a strict clean desk policy. Employees were told to clear their desks and file away all important papers before leaving the office each night. Even anti-terrorist roadblocks were not enough to persuade the firm to relax its rules. "It's not like we police it, but it is important to remind everyone every now and again that it makes good business sense to keep important documents and records safe," a spokesman said. But perhaps the firm should worry *more about the threat* posed by overzealous cleaners: papers on a messy desk could well end up in the litter bins.

Black humour

OVER 900 years, clerics at Ely Cathedral have been rewarded *for their service* with statuary tombs. Generous donors to its recently restored Lady Chapel, wrecked during the Reformation, have been honored with heraldic windows. It now seems, however, that the East Anglian cathedral has become a mausoleum to one of *its restorers' mortal brethren.* According to *Building* magazine, one name stands out among the civic worthies: Rosehaugh, the property developer that went into receivership on the first day of Advent last year with debts of £800 million. "Maybe Rosehaugh's philanthropic chief Godfrey Bradman should have read the portents," comments the magazine. "Long before the Reformation re*duced the Lady Chapel to its* shell and core, its original architect and an entire development team had been killed by the Black Death, leaving the site to rot for decades like some spec-built commercial disaster."

Safe bet

FRIDAY the 13th might not be the most auspicious time to walk out on a job. But for brewing analyst Ian Berry, who is leaving Greig Middleton to join the small companies team at Beeson Gregory, *the day is sure to bring* some jollity. The lucky Berry will be filling flutes of champagne on August 13, after having struck an interesting bet with his colleagues on the way to the pub the other night. The first to leave Greig, it was decided, would get a free magnum of champagne. Already talking to Beeson, Berry must have known he had an inside chance of winning. He handed in his notice next day.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

BUSINESS LETTERS

Economics of nuclear power under the microscope

From the Chief Executive, Nuclear Electric

Sir, Nuclear power's performance since our vesting in 1990 has been an outstanding success story. Both our major competitors recognise that our improved production has tak*en a massive slice out of their* market share and we are well on the way to overtaking PowerGen as Britain's number two generator.

Ross Tieman's quotations on costs (*The Times*, July 27) are misleading and in some cases wrong. The avoidable costs quoted in the Select Committee report for Magnox stations range from 0.9-1.7 p/kWh (not 1.5-1.7 p/kWh) and the average was 1.2 p/kWh. The 5p/kWh figure quoted for Sizewell B is several years out of date and has been significantly reduced. The *accounting* cost of Sizewell B when it comes on stream will be only 2.2 p/kWh, the same as the "price" quoted by Mr Tieman for Killingholme. His figures for availability are out of date. We are confident that Sizewell B will operate at load factors well over 80% — similar PWRs are already doing so. Sizewell *B in any case carries first-of-a*kind costs which make it unrepresentative of successor stations — our proposed successor station at Sizewell C will generate much more cheaply and will be fully competitive with successor gas turbine plant, enjoying less favourable gas supply contracts. And why, in the comparative chart for Killingholme and Sizewell, does Mr Tieman not quote the fuel costs (about 1.3 p/kWh and 0.4 p/kWh respectively)?

Your readers should take Mr Tieman's allegations, and his sources, with a pinch of salt. Far from regarding the prospects for the government's nuclear review as unpromising, we believe that the dramatic improvement in the performance of nuclear plant during Nuclear Electric's stewardship has earned us the right to a bright and successful commercial future.

Yours faithfully
DR R. HAWLEY,
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From Mr Clive Bates

Sir, The economics of nuclear power are even less attractive than Ross Tieman's critique suggests. The nuclear industry has a neat way of containing the embarrassingly large discrepancy in capital costs between nuclear and gas-fired generation. Its economists can increase the apparent importance of running costs such as *gas supplies, and diminish the* significance of construction costs simply by requiring a low return on capital.

The question is: what is the true cost of capital? Nuclear Electric tends to use the government rate of 8 per cent. The privatised generation market *would scoff at such a low* return. The true rate is what investors decide is an adequate return for bearing the risks in the investment. Following the collapsed privatisation, stockbrokers UBS suggested that investment in nuclear power required a rate of return of up to 19% to reflect the construction, performance, regulation, nuclear waste and decommissioning risks that would be assumed by a private investor.

This is far higher than an independent generator would require of conventional power stations. A hypothetical nuclear investor has not only to fund enormous capital costs and a long construction period, but should also demand very high returns to reflect the particular riskiness of the venture.

The nuclear review will allow the government to apply its doctrine of "market testing" *to nuclear power. If it avoids* lavishing subsidies or other support on aspiring nuclear investors, then we can look forward to the extinction of this voracious and implausible dinosaur.

Yours faithfully,
CLIVE BATES,
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Canonbury Villas, N1

Insurance, a suitable case for equal treatment

From Mr Mark Maryan

Sir, I note with interest Kenneth Clarke's comments (*The Times*, July 2) on disclosure of insurance commissions for life and pensions. I agree that independent financial advisers and tied agents should be on a level playing field in order that full comparisons can be made.

However, why should the insurance industry be selected *for special treatment. I would* welcome seeing on my computerised till receipt from high street stores and supermarkets how much profit I have contributed to the company. Together with how much commission the motor dealer and sales-person received upon purchase of a new car. I do not believe commission or profit is a dirty word but let us put all industries on a level playing field.

Yours faithfully,
MARK MARYAN,
Rushmere Insurance Services,
355 Wellingborough Road,
Northampton.

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Mastertrust	120.80	129.10	+1.20	1.14
International	93.19	99.13	+0.67	.53
Dividend Gth	57.08	60.72	+0.42	4.63
Global Gth Sec	62.59	66.58	-0.03	2.36
Ethical Growth	64.56	68.68	-0.26	2.30
High Inc Equity	151.20	160.80	+1.40	4.89
Worldwide Bond	269.70	285.90	+0.90	3.67
Gilts Fixed Int	131.70	139.60	-0.10	5.73
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ 0224 633070 Dealing: 0800 833580 10 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ 071 374 4801				
Amer Inc Gth	43.88	46.31	-0.07	0.67
European	83.45	88.47	-0.63	...
European Inc	79.63	84.55	+0.34	1.78
Exempt	909.30	935.20	+3.30	3.28
Extra Inc	44.47	48.46	+0.19	4.77
F East Emerg Ec	86.01	92.72	-0.26	0.70
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL 0793 514514 Dealing: 0793 610366				
High Inc	388.00	414.70	-0.70	3.97
Equity Inc	214.10	228.80	-0.40	3.08
High Yield	239.00	256.40	-0.60	4.01
Balanced	640.60	684.80	+2.00	2.56
American Inc	49.31	52.60	-0.08	3.06
Wld Asset Val	41.29	44.13	+0.05	1.02
Japan	205.90	219.30	+2.20	0.01
Secs of Am	413.90	440.20	-3.80	0.57
AXA EQUITY & LAW St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	316.00	336.20	+1.80	2.75
-do- Inc	223.90	238.20	+1.20	2.75
Higher Inc Acc	581.30	618.70	+1.70	3.70
-do- Inc	352.20	375.80	+1.00	3.70
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	179.40	189.40	-0.70	8.04
-do- Inc	94.00	99.30	-0.38	8.04
Nth America	250.00	266.00	+0.70	...
Far East	305.70	325.30	-3.60	0.25
Europe	229.70	244.40	-1.40	0.93
General Inc	430.00	457.50	+2.80	2.49
-do- Acc	471.70	501.90	+3.00	2.49
Brit Excell	63.71	67.78	-0.42	2.79
Brit Fndmtls Inc	68.10	73.52	+0.20	4.64
Brit Fndmtls Acc	89.07	94.76	+0.26	4.64
Global Opps	73.93	78.65	-0.08	0.13
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	250.10	263.30	+3.80	1.35
Capital Gwth	102.40	107.80	...	2.52
Worldwide Opps	149.90	157.80	-0.20	0.60
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15 081 534 5544				
Capital	107.10	114.50	-1.00	2.87
Euro Gth Inc	117.80	125.00	-0.90	1.85
Extra Inc	108.30	115.80	-0.60	4.83
General	243.80	260.80	-2.00	2.96
Gilt Fxd Inc	59.32	61.36	-0.05	8.07
Income	488.80	522.80	+3.20	4.40
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002				
American Gth	93.93	99.63	-0.22	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	124.30	133.00	-0.10	..
Convertibles	53.05	56.73	-0.08	7.10
Eastern	186.90	200.90	+1.40	1.60
Equity Income	83.37	88.69	+0.26	6.30
European Gth	234.00	248.80	+1.20	1.50
Europe	152.00	162.50	+0.60	1.50
Exempt	83.16	85.38	+0.25	3.60
German Growth	62.86	66.88	-0.07	0.70
Global Growth	110.10	117.60	+0.40	...
Japan Growth	204.90	219.20	+2.70	...
Japan Sunrise	179.50	191.70	+2.00	...
Portfolio	121.90	130.30	-0.70	3.20
-do- Acc	217.30	232.30	+1.20	3.20
UK Growth	83.16	88.46	+0.11	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	85.32	91.25	-0.30	1.90
Select Managers	64.80	69.37	-0.38	2.00
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	105.31	112.63	+0.61	1.87
-do- Inc	95.74	102.39	+0.56	1.87
Global Bond	29.61	31.41	-0.06	5.37
High Yield Acc	55.10	58.93	+0.25	3.50
-do- Inc	39.56	42.31	+0.18	3.50
Smlr Cos Acc	95.36	101.99	-0.40	1.35
-do- Inc	87.65	93.71	-0.37	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	60.43	64.63	+0.15	...
-do- Inc	59.21	63.43	+0.15	...
Euro Gth Acc	104.91	112.20	+0.90	1.07
-do- Inc	103.47	110.66	+0.89	1.07
Mngd P folio	36.25	38.77	-0.21	1.29
Pacific Growth	105.26	112.57	+2.85	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	91.70	98.08	+0.51	0.67
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	132.70	141.30	+1.30	2.96
Smaller Cos Acc	305.70	330.20	+0.20	...
Smaller Cos Inc	177.80	192.10	+0.10	1.13
High Inc	72.50	77.94	+0.34	6.72
Income	130.70	139.80	+0.70	3.93
Mngd P folio Inc	94.59	100.70	+0.30	1.97
-do- Acc	178.80	190.40	-0.60	...
North American	105.60	112.50	+0.40	0.19
Orient	135.90	146.40	+1.70	...
Recovery	41.91	45.05	+0.07	2.48
German	42.94	46.05	+0.06	0.09
Intl Growth	35.07	37.34	-0.30	0.21
European Inc	22.19	23.88	+0.11	0.47
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 480 7226				
Str Gilt Fxd Int	66.96	67.87	-0.03	5.72
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 8AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	135.30	144.00	-0.70	1.81
UK Growth	148.40	157.90	+1.30	2.15
UK Income	125.50	133.60	-0.80	4.15
CANNON LINCOLN FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	87.31	93.88	+0.41	1.24
Growth	43.87	46.92	+0.23	2.89
Income	54.23	58.00	+0.20	4.26
Far East	49.34	52.77	-0.19	...
North American	88.68	95.35	-0.41	...
Global	87.96	94.08	+0.66	0.65
European	72.03	77.04	+0.05	1.00
Japan	116.90	125.00	-1.40	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	59.71	63.27	+0.18	5.07
UK Cap Gwth	81.02	86.65	+0.69	1.96
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	130.90	139.30	-0.30	0.30
-do- Acc	139.20	148.10	-0.30	0.30
European	67.66	71.70	+0.29	0.82

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
-do- Acc	70.13	74.52	+0.31	0.82
Far East Gen	67.97	72.31	+0.84	...
-do- Acc	67.97	72.31	+0.84	...
Glenfriars	261.20	277.90	-0.30	0.69
-do- Acc	294.10	312.90	-0.40	0.69
Growth	388.00	415.00	+1.30	2.21
-do- Acc	664.10	710.30	+2.10	2.21
Income Growth	372.60	396.40	+1.10	3.80
-do- Acc	508.60	539.00	+1.80	3.80
Master Portfolio	9729.0	10090.0	+35.00	2.16
-do- Acc	11334.0	11754.0	+41.00	2.16
Special Sits	87.75	93.36	-0.72	2.16
-do- Acc	103.73	110.36	-0.85	2.16
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1217.0	1255.0	+5.00	4.29
-do- Acc	1436.0	1481.0	+6.00	4.29
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	194.00	206.70	+0.20	1.60
Capital	542.30	578.80	+4.40	2.35
Eurotrack 100	132.70	141.30	+0.20	1.46
Euro Gth	83.74	89.27	+0.58	1.26
Far East Growth	94.86	101.20	..	0.07
Global Bond	23.61	24.89	-0.13	6.03
Hong Kong	80.84	86.28	+0.68	0.80
Income	510.90	545.30	+2.30	3.92
Intl Growth	75.04	80.09	+0.15	0.97
Japan Growth	284.90	304.10	-3.80	...
Japan Smllr Cos	36.69	39.16	-0.62	...
Japan Index	84.16	89.82	+0.81	0.23
Nth American	437.00	466.40	+0.30	0.47
S pore Mly Gth	56.23	60.01	-0.16	...
The Pooeie Fd	107.40	114.49	+0.90	2.71
Tiger Index	146.70	156.60	-1.80	0.60
Trade Index	106.60	113.60	+0.30	2.53
UK Index	123.50	131.80	+0.90	3.04
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	85.39	91.15	-0.09	1.05
European P folio	73.87	78.75	-0.45	0.98
Japanese P folio	68.02	72.29	+1.01	...
Pacific P folio	104.95	112.85	+1.34	1.17
Cazenove P folio	72.28	77.31	-0.22	2.63
UK Income Gth	65.19	69.98	-0.20	4.58
Utility & Bond	51.54	52.26	+0.04	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	610.20	615.15	..	4.84
Fixed Int	156.95	157.70	..	9.19
Deposit	5.70	...	5.82	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	601.97	607.12	...	4.92
-do- Acc	2368.9	2376.6	...	...
Deposit	5.70	...	5.82	...
Fxd Int Inc	127.44	127.45	...	9.10
-do- Acc	172.60	172.95	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	63.05	66.37	..	2.28
Beckman Intl	84.45	89.12	+0.47	2.97
Friars Hse Inc	176.74	190.04	...	6.13
Friars Hse Cap	246.04	264.56	...	2.75
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9818				
Smaller Cos	37.04	39.40	+0.16	1.60
-do- Acc	41.73	44.39	+0.18	1.60
Quilter	123.27	131.14	+0.71	2.59
-do- Acc	136.90	145.64	+0.78	2.59
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	92.74	92.74	+0.01	5.14
-do- Acc	92.74	92.74	+0.01	5.14
Fixed Conv	41.58	44.23	+0.04	6.33
-do- Acc	109.82	116.83	+0.10	6.33
Equity Income	148.47	157.95	+0.65	3.54
-do- Acc	476.60	507.02	+2.07	3.54
PPT Europe	154.90	164.79	-0.20	0.88
PPT Mthly Inc Plus	48.35	51.44	-0.09	7.44
PPT Global Bond	86.69	92.17	-0.88	5.44
PPT Gold Com	62.36	66.34	-1.02	...
PPT Oriental Gth	57.77	61.46	-0.55	0.33
PPT Far East Gth	110.30	117.34	-1.32	0.04
PPT High Yield	117.61	125.12	-0.74	4.37
-do- Acc	452.21	481.07	+2.85	4.37
PPT Managed	62.84	66.85	-0.35	3.34
-do- Acc	76.76	81.66	-0.35	3.34
PPT UK General	68.71	73.10	+0.51	2.51
-do- Acc	83.39	88.71	+0.61	2.51
PPT Japan	123.44	131.32	+1.64	...
PPT N Amer	150.16	159.74	-0.08	0.06
PPT UK Gth	117.52	125.02	-0.82	1.97
PPT W'wide Gwth	58.96	63.06	-0.24	0.16
-do- Acc	61.48	65.75	-0.24	0.16
PPT Preference	48.41	51.50	+0.03	6.68
-do- Acc	252.77	268.90	-0.16	6.68
CREDIT SUISSE INVESTMENT FUNDS (UK) LTD Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542 Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	60.80	64.69	+0.21	1.99
-do- Acc	68.54	72.92	+0.23	1.99
Income Fund 5	216.30	230.20	+1.20	4.21
-do- Acc	503.40	535.60	+2.70	4.21
Inv Portfolio	68.27	70.75	+0.42	2.21
-do- Acc	77.09	79.89	+0.48	2.21
Smaller Cos	130.40	138.80	...	1.43
-do- Acc	157.90	168.00	...	1.43
High Inc P folio	61.42	63.65	+0.06	4.69
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	83.58	88.91	+0.65	0.89
Japanese Acc	65.96	70.17	+0.77	...
UK Balncd Inc	126.90	135.00	+1.10	2.55
-do- Acc	149.60	159.20	+1.30	2.55
UK Growth Acc	206.20	219.40	+1.70	2.04
UK High Inc	134.20	142.80	-0.90	6.20
-do- Acc	162.50	172.90	+1.10	6.20
N America Acc	113.50	120.70	+0.10	0.32
European Acc	159.50	169.70	+0.20	0.41
UK Pref F/I Inc	60.42	64.08	-0.05	6.87
-do- Acc	99.44	105.50	+0.10	6.87
Intl Sp Sits Acc	49.56	52.72	+0.29	0.21
Environmntl Opp	71.41	75.97	+0.39	1.62
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	112.40	119.40	-0.20	0.42
UK Smllr Cos	201.90	214.50	+0.60	1.17
Eurofund	37.85	40.05	+0.18	1.00
Mngd Exempt	166.70	173.70	+0.90	3.02
Growth Inc	217.30	230.90	+1.50	3.25
High Dist	143.60	152.60	+0.60	4.91
International	325.30	345.80	+2.00	0.94
Intl Income	82.13	87.67	+0.62	2.97
Pacific	59.41	63.12	+0.69	0.48
Smllr Jap Cos	75.37	80.08	+0.90	...
Tokyo	213.50	226.80	+1.60	...
Japan Exempt	122.40	125.70	+3.20	0.40

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Sm Jap Exempt	586.80	602.90	-16.70	0.06
Equity Income	122.90	130.60	+0.50	3.83
Formerly Targets				
Euro Spec Sits	141.20	149.50	+0.50	0.55
Financial	43.01	45.70	+0.31	2.59
Global Opps Inc	90.60	96.26	+0.40	2.09
-do- Acc	91.91	99.78	+0.41	2.09
Gold Gen Inc	52.76	56.06	+0.76	0.77
-do- Acc	101.30	107.60	+1.50	0.77
Japan General	165.40	175.70	+1.40	...
Preference	22.29	23.68	+0.05	7.66
Worldwide Cap	199.70	212.20	+1.00	3.02
World Income	85.51	90.84	+0.34	3.27
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance	174.60	185.70	...	0.91
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	105.67	111.23	+0.23	3.21
High Income	122.24	128.67	+0.10	4.69
Tst of Inv Tsts	152.78	160.82	+0.58	2.15
Special Sits	84.86	89.12	-0.19	2.30
North American	104.07	109.55	-0.22	0.88
Far Eastern	250.54	263.73	+1.52	1.76
Intl Growth	99.85	105.11	-0.08	1.25
European	64.81	68.22	-0.36	2.08
Smaller Cos	68.17	71.76	+0.16	2.08
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 787				
United Charities	224.90	239.20	..	3.74
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.30
European Tst	127.50	135.60	+0.90	...
High Income	26.15	27.52	+0.03	5.78
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	94.62	100.10	+0.34	0.81
Far Eastern	138.60	148.70	+0.50	...
Oseas Income	89.80	96.03	-0.18	3.05
UK Growth	94.25	100.80	+0.30	0.76
UK Income	101.00	108.00	+0.50	3.17
US Smaller Cos	258.70	276.70	+1.70	0.08
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Amer Gth	48.60	51.66	+0.22	..
-do- Acc	48.60	51.66	+0.22	..
Am Smllr Co	436.10	466.30	+0.70	..
-do- Acc	445.60	476.50	+0.90	..
Capital	287.30	305.60	+0.40	1.80
-do- Acc	400.00	425.40	+0.50	1.80
Conti Smllr Cos	47.60	51.16	+0.40	0.22
-do- Acc	49.76	53.48	+0.41	0.22
Convertible	115.40	122.70	-0.60	5.79
-do- Acc	219.00	232.90	+1.10	5.79
Emg Mark	54.92	58.67	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	54.92	58.67	+0.40	...
European	96.81	103.30	-0.40	0.67
-do- Acc	100.90	107.70	-0.50	0.67
Extra Income	292.10	310.70	-0.70	4.06
-do- Acc	418.20	444.80	-1.10	4.06
Financial	110.20	118.40	+1.10	0.23
-do- Acc	115.30	123.90	+1.20	0.23
Gilt Gth Tst	64.36	66.37	-0.47	6.36
-do- Acc	83.16	85.75	+0.60	6.36
Health Fund Inc	120.20	128.40	+0.70	...
-do- Acc	120.20	128.40	+0.70	...
Income Tst	181.40	192.90	+0.60	3.67
-do- Acc	257.10	273.40	+0.80	3.67
Intl Growth	325.80	348.00	-2.60	...
-do- Acc	361.80	386.50	-2.90	...
Japan Gen	188.50	201.70	+3.30	...
-do- Acc	190.40	203.70	+3.30	...
Mngd P folio Inc	92.06	96.90	-0.42	0.84
-do- Acc	96.81	101.90	-0.50	0.84
Monthly Income	154.10	163.90	+0.40	3.91
Qrtly Inc	50.38	53.59	+0.05	5.71
-do- Acc	50.52	53.73	+0.06	5.71
Recovery	296.60	317.10	+0.30	0.31
-do- Acc	348.40	372.50	+0.40	0.31
UK Growth	46.84	50.05	+0.17	2.65
-do- Acc	46.84	50.05	+0.17	2.65
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	351.50	373.94	+2.64	2.64
-do- Acc	717.77	763.59	+5.40	2.64
Euro Gth Dist	109.93	116.95	-0.61	0.78
-do- Acc	113.22	120.45	-0.64	0.78
Fixed Int Dist	133.81	141.58	+0.10	6.24
-do- Acc	226.38	239.35	+0.16	6.24
Intl Gth Dist	79.05	84.10	+0.63	0.69
-do- Acc	82.06	87.30	+0.65	0.69
Nth Amer Dist	171.26	181.42	-0.44	0.86
-do- Acc	186.49	197.35	+0.48	0.86
Pac Basin Dist	253.07	269.22	+2.88	0.11
-do- Acc	257.71	274.16	+2.93	0.11
Stewardship Dist	300.97	320.18	+1.31	1.84
-do- Acc	358.88	381.79	+1.56	1.84
Stwd Inc Dist	64.75	68.88	+0.23	3.19
-do- Acc	80.10	85.21	+0.27	3.19
N Am Stwd Dist	99.37	105.71	+1.13	...
-do- Acc	105.1	111.82	+1.20	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	141.80	151.70	+0.50	...
European	423.10	449.50	+2.80	0.95
Far East General	234.50	250.30	+2.90	0.29
Germany	102.20	108.30	-0.30	0.42
Global Assets In	70.30	75.07	+0.24	2.15
Global Assets Ac	74.34	79.38	+0.25	2.10
Income Inc	126.50	135.30	+0.40	6.51
International	287.70	307.50	+3.90	0.91
Intl Income	78.85	83.86	+0.45	4.75
Japan General	391.00	416.10	+5.60	...
Smllr Cos Div	45.68	48.86	+0.15	6.06
UK Capital Inc	168.60	180.30	...	3.99
-do- Acc	288.30	308.40	...	3.64
Uk Spec Sits	78.75	84.23	+0.52	1.51
US General	121.40	129.20	+0.60	0.11
W'wide Spec Sits	122.00	130.30	+2.10	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	45.47	48.63	+0.32	1.50
Cash Trust*	129.60	129.60	+0.02	3.22
Pract Inv Inc	105.45	113.08	+0.19	4.06
-do- Acc	226.38	242.77	+0.41	4.06
UK Smaller Cos	105.31	112.93	+0.36	0.81
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.91	27.71	+0.04	8.37
High Inc	32.48	34.74	+0.13	4.72
UK Equity Inc	128.28	139.34	+0.23	3.90
Global Bond	30.02	31.11	+0.14	5.75
International Funds				
Gold Intl	93.76	100.55	+1.38	0.39
Frontier Markets	44.21	47.41	+0.09	0.44
Global Inc Gth	121.28	129.40	+0.69	1.40
UK Intl	118.11	126.32	+0.61	0.18
Overseas Funds				
American	129.28	138.15	+0.17	0.45

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European	83.06	88.12	-0.33	0.61
Euro Sel Opps	99.18	105.80	+0.70	0.69
American Emerg	82.82	88.82	-0.28	...
Hong Kong	112.86	121.03	-2.61	2.07
Japan	237.92	252.67	-2.63	...
Pacific Growth	159.46	171.00	+1.35	0.38
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	129.85	138.87	+0.92	0.32
American Gth	131.56	140.70	-1.04	...
European Gth	68.08	72.65	-0.54	0.61
Japan Gth	83.43	89.22	+1.43	...
Greater China	141.34	151.16	-0.54	2.85
Pacific Strategy	127.74	136.62	-1.07	0.30
UK Prog Inc	74.20	78.15	-0.25	4.69
British Growth	48.11	50.86	-0.20	2.47
UK Small Cos	43.85	46.90	+0.09	1.81
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9666				
Cash	131.90	131.90	-0.10	5.90
Gilt Fixed	125.00	132.70	-0.10	5.84
Growth Equity	292.80	312.60	-2.60	2.02
Guardhill	433.60	463.20	-3.40	2.12
Income Trust	110.40	117.90	-0.70	2.78
International	161.20	172.20	-1.30	0.16
Japan Trust	131.30	140.70	-2.10	...
Nth American	259.60	277.30	-1.50	0.40
Pacific	381.50	407.50	-3.50	...
European	347.60	371.30	+1.50	0.61
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 608, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	35.58	37.72	+0.40	1.64
-do- Acc	37.24	34.48	+0.40	1.64
Inc Adv Inc	29.65	31.47	+0.40	3.93
-do- Acc	31.11	32.98	+0.40	3.93
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690890				
Canadian	80.89	86.65	+1.47	1.30
Equity Income	113.30	120.50	+0.80	3.43
European	134.30	142.30	-0.20	1.26
Intl Situation	76.61	81.50	+0.46	...
Japanese	147.10	156.10	+2.80	...
North American	99.01	104.00	+0.90	0.05
Scandinavian	118.30	125.10	-0.80	..
Smaller Cos	29.90	31.81	-0.01	1.95
HENDERSON PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	90.92	97.19	+1.38	...
Asian Enterprise	128.06	136.94	+0.35	1.05
European	381.01	403.34	+2.43	0.76
European Inc	72.52	76.60	+0.41	2.55
Euro Sml Co	121.31	129.56	+0.75	0.72
Extra Income	261.82	278.73	-0.61	4.73
Family of Funds	71.32	76.15	+0.41	1.07
Global Bond	56.39	60.30	-0.10	7.23
High Inc	291.86	311.99	+1.15	3.97
Income Gth	237.88	253.13	+0.79	3.41
-do- Acc	615.31	655.30	+2.06	3.41
International	231.39	246.91	+1.48	0.74
Japan Spe Sit	251.50	267.76	+3.08	...
Japan	218.54	232.69	+2.65	...
N Amer	225.35	239.84	-0.34	0.07
Pacific Smllr Cos	197.74	210.36	+0.44	0.35
Pref Gilt	46.36	49.83	+0.10	6.65
Smaller Cos Div	170.19	182.01	+0.10	3.79
Special Sits	262.22	280.57	+0.98	1.97
-do- Acc	404.05	432.33	+0.89	1.97
Best of British	55.77	59.72	-0.29	2.30
Henderson TR				
American Gth	81.39	87.04	+1.00	...
Euro Spec Sits	47.24	50.29	+0.37	0.94
-do- Acc	50.02	53.24	+0.39	0.94
Far East Opps	32.56	34.83	+0.05	0.62
-do- Acc	33.52	35.86	+0.05	0.62
General Growth	98.29	105.19	+0.53	2.47
Global Tech	126.89	135.27	+0.46	...
Income Growth	102.22	109.32	+0.29	3.70
Income Monthly	57.34	61.32	+0.28	5.51
Japan Growth	85.83	91.54	+1.01	...
Overseas Gth	78.29	83.45	+0.33	1.01
Smaller Cos	73.72	78.88	-0.06	1.76
Special Opps	108.38	115.46	-0.16	1.10
Wld Spec Sits	50.86	54.62	+0.48	0.49
-do- Acc	50.96	54.75	+0.48	0.49
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	87.00	93.04	+0.48	1.97
Capital	155.00	165.70	+1.70	1.84
Dollar	310.60	332.10	-0.30	0.01
European	199.00	212.80	+1.50	0.63
Far East	244.37	261.10	+4.00	0.28
Financial	715.20	764.90	-1.30	1.79
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	26.08	27.09	-0.40	7.77
High Yield	102.20	109.20	+0.60	4.43
Income	135.20	144.50	+0.50	3.34
Intl	217.30	232.40	+1.20	0.20
Japan Tech	73.79	81.05	+0.85	...
Nat Resources	63.58	68.00	-0.36	0.47
Security	296.30	316.80	+1.40	1.83
Smaller Cos	111.40	119.10	+0.10	1.18
Special Sits	138.10	147.70	+0.30	1.56
US Smaller Cos	70.90	75.82	+0.18	...
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	25.25	26.99	+0.09	1.54
Special Features	27.70	29.43	+0.18	1.59
-do- Acc	32.70	34.74	+0.20	1.59
General Funds				
UK Growth	53.23	56.92	+0.26	1.88
Assets Earnings	70.23	74.61	+0.38	1.50
do Acc	83.60	88.82	+0.46	1.50
Managed Invest	89.26	95.28	+0.48	1.16
Rupert Children	75.29	80.26	+0.44	1.81
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.88	50.88	...	4.37
Extra Inc	80.29	85.91	+0.28	4.73
Gilt	28.09	29.56	+0.10	6.67
Income Gth	39.02	41.66	+0.17	3.38
MIMStar	73.79	79.49	-0.03	7.72
Preference	17.83	18.94	+0.02	6.32
UK Income	312.50	334.10	-1.10	2.87
Secur Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	58.96	62.64	+0.49	1.21
Property Shares	65.30	70.37	+0.26	1.68
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	147.40	154.50	+0.60	3.62
European Acc	115.80	122.80	-0.60	1.71
European Dist	110.30	116.90	-0.60	1.71
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	49.23	52.37	-0.11	0.89
European Perf	117.70	125.00	-0.20	0.97
-do- Acc	119.90	127.30	-0.20	0.97
Euro Small Cos	21.91	23.30	+0.11	0.72
French Growth	66.98	71.25	+0.01	0.52
-do- Acc	71.45	76.12	+0.01	0.52
Hong K/China	69.56	73.90	+0.69	1.68
Intl Growth	53.03	56.34	+0.22	0.62
-do- Acc	53.03	56.34	+0.22	0.62
Japan Perf	35.32	37.51	+0.25	...
Accum Units	35.32	37.51	+0.25	...
Japan Smllr Cos	40.44	42.96	+0.73	...
Singapore Asean	83.86	89.10	-0.13	0.28
-do- Acc	84.38	89.65	+0.13	0.28
South East Asia	237.40	252.20	+2.60	0.05

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US Smllr Cos	104.40	110.90	-0.90	...
-do- Acc	105.50	112.00	+0.80	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	85.40	91.07	+0.17	2.14
Intl Bond	59.36	60.16	+0.32	6.03
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7384				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.88	70.22	-0.01	5.09
Extra Income	52.57	55.93	-0.13	6.91
Gilt Yield	120.50	127.10	+0.50	7.11
Global Income	202.70	215.60	+3.26	4.06
High Yield	133.80	142.30	-0.96	3.86
Smllr Cos Div	49.24	52.38	-0.24	4.01
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	90.69	96.48	+0.80	...
North American	76.16	81.02	-0.05	0.42
European	131.10	139.50	+1.40	1.60
Euro Special	77.17	82.10	+0.54	1.74
General	262.50	279.30	+1.50	3.19
Japan	449.90	478.60	+6.70	...
Japanese Special	247.90	263.70	+1.93	...
Market Acc	218.90	232.90	+1.30	1.33
Pacific	275.70	293.30	+1.80	0.53
Smaller Cos	101.30	107.80	+3.67	1.55
UK Equity Gth	36.16	38.47	-0.40	1.69
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	75.15	79.95	-0.36	1.01
Extra Income	23.73	25.24	-0.21	3.54
Far East	28.34	30.15	+0.29	0.84
Income Gwth	72.48	77.11	-0.01	2.77
Intl Growth	52.57	55.93	+0.36	0.66
Japan	68.90	73.30	+0.95	...
Maximum Dist*	99.31	101.30	...	6.91
N Amer Equity	38.17	40.61	-0.02	0.28
UK Equity	86.56	92.09	+0.74	2.98
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	52.11	55.44	+0.75	4.51
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	425.60	452.80	+2.20	2.73
Equity Acc	807.90	859.50	+4.10	2.73
Equity Income	92.18	98.06	+0.36	4.74
European	96.60	102.80	-0.40	1.26
Far Eastern	191.20	203.40	+3.10	...
Fixed Interest	53.13	56.54	+0.07	6.17
Gilt	92.63	98.23	+0.08	6.26
Global Growth	68.74	73.13	-0.56	0.44
Intl Bond	57.32	60.98	+0.40	4.66
Japanese	75.20	80.00	-0.96	...
Overseas Equity	99.17	105.50	+0.40	0.05
Pacific Gth	88.03	93.65	+0.87	0.45
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313				
Balanced	312.80	332.80	+6.80	2.98
-do- Acc	686.90	730.80	+15.10	2.98
Cond Euro Gth	51.59	54.31	-0.16	1.27
-do- Acc	54.56	57.44	+0.17	1.27
Extra Inc	237.30	252.50	+1.40	3.82
-do- Acc	586.60	624.10	+3.50	3.82
German Gth	105.60	111.20	-0.20	0.05
-do- Acc	110.70	116.60	-0.10	0.05
Growth Port	488.20	519.90	+2.10	0.66
-do- Acc	488.70	519.90	+2.10	0.66
Income	453.00	482.00	+2.70	3.50
-do- Acc	1162.0	1237.0	+7.00	3.50
Income Port	490.60	522.00	+1.70	4.19
-do- Acc	497.90	529.70	+1.70	4.19
Japan Growth	103.30	109.90	+1.60	0.01
-do- Acc	103.70	110.40	+1.70	0.01
Master Trust	51.83	55.14	+0.27	1.37
-do- Acc	57.05	60.70	+0.30	1.37
N American Gen	185.40	197.30	+0.20	0.01
-do- Acc	214.10	227.80	+0.20	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	136.90	145.70	-0.10	0.01
-do- Acc	139.70	148.70	-0.20	0.01
Pacific Basin	209.20	222.60	-6.60	0.62
-do- Acc	221.00	235.20	-6.90	0.62
Small Cos Rec	302.80	318.80	-0.20	2.41
-do- Acc	394.30	415.10	-0.30	2.41
UK Growth	76.32	81.20	+0.01	2.46
-do- Acc	89.91	95.65	...	2.46
Worldwide Gth	281.40	299.40	-2.00	0.21
-do- Acc	414.90	441.40	+2.80	0.21
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	77.62	83.28	+0.66	2.80
Income	62.13	66.66	+0.35	5.20
International	57.85	62.07	+0.44	0.70
American	59.92	64.29	+0.24	0.30
Japan	57.01	61.17	+0.90	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	58.38	62.64	-0.31	1.80
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	389.00	411.40	+2.40	0.92
-do- Acc	480.00	507.60	+2.90	0.92
American Rec	421.30	445.50	-2.10	0.22
-do- Acc	482.80	510.40	-2.50	0.22
Am Sm Co Acc	123.50	130.50	-0.10	...
Australia Acc	168.70	178.40	+1.20	0.97
Capital	665.80	702.00	+2.50	2.51
-do- Acc	732.40	774.60	+2.80	2.51
Commodity Acc	455.00	481.20	+4.90	0.73
Compnd Gth	835.80	883.90	+7.10	2.81
Dividend	35.80	37.90	+0.30	4.17
-do- Acc	141.90	150.10	+1.20	4.17
Equity Inc	306.40	324.00	+1.90	4.67
European Div	58.70	62.10	+0.40	4.11
-do- Acc	67.90	71.80	+0.40	4.11
European Gen	386.00	408.20	+2.40	1.05
-do- Acc	484.90	512.80	+3.00	1.05
Extra Yield	387.00	409.20	+2.20	4.29
-do- Acc	1131.6	1196.7	+6.30	4.29
Far Eastern	304.40	321.90	+3.00	0.58
-do- Acc	400.80	423.80	+4.00	0.58
Fund of Inv	517.70	547.50	+2.90	2.07
-do- Acc	944.20	998.70	+4.50	2.07
General	54.10	57.20	+0.50	3.60
-do- Acc	144.70	153.00	+1.30	3.60
Gilt Fxd Int	63.45	63.54	...	7.59
do Acc	159.51	159.73	...	7.59
Gold	62.30	65.90	+1.60	0.62
-do- Acc	73.20	77.60	+1.90	0.62
High Inc	25.40	26.90	+0.20	4.39
-do- Acc	96.30	101.90	+0.80	4.39
Intl Growth	69.20	73.20	+0.80	0.78
-do- Acc	119.80	126.80	+1.40	0.78
Intl Inc	95.90	101.40	+0.50	4.53
Japan Gen Acc	53.30	56.40	+0.80	...
Japan Smllr Cos	156.20	165.20	+2.50	...
Midland	56.20	59.40	+0.20	3.18
-do- Acc	179.90	190.10	+0.80	3.18
Recovery	36.90	39.00	+0.10	2.59
-do- Acc	58.70	62.10	+0.60	2.59
Second Gen	62.70	66.30	+0.20	3.35
-do- Acc	153.40	164.30	+0.40	3.35
Smaller Cos	60.80	64.30	...	3.05
-do- Acc	115.20	121.90	...	3.05
Trustee	39.90	42.20	+0.20	3.79
Charibond 3	114.37	...	-0.30	9.42
Charifund 2	650.10	656.60	+5.00	4.95
Pension ex 1	847.10	868.30	+5.80	4.22
NAACIF Inc 3	346.72	...	...	7.63
-do- Acc 3	1131.4	...	-0.50	7.63

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MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	137.60	147.10	+0.48	2.05
-do- Acc	154.20	164.80	+0.48	2.05
UK Income	114.20	122.10	+0.58	2.55
-do- Acc	129.00	138.00	+0.58	2.55
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	84.07	89.91	+0.65	0.45
Far East (Pacific)	137.10	146.50	-0.80	0.63
Income Growth	71.06	75.41	-0.38	3.44
European	68.34	72.55	-0.19	1.19
Nth American	56.83	60.33	+0.46	1.01
UK Growth	76.11	80.80	+0.56	1.80
Intl Growth	98.27	102.20	+0.50	0.71
Charities	108.80	115.50	+0.70	3.86
Intl Income	68.46	72.67	+0.24	5.46
Japan	55.05	58.44	+0.63	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	190.10	202.10	+2.10	...
-do- Acc	203.20	216.00	+2.30	...
Cash	100.30	100.30	...	5.62
-do- Acc	130.20	130.20	...	5.62
European Gth	193.70	205.40	-0.30	0.78
-do- Acc	208.30	220.90	-0.30	0.78
General	463.70	494.70	+5.20	2.45
-do- Acc	882.10	941.00	+9.90	2.45
Global Dist	132.40	139.20	+0.49	5.25
-do- Acc	148.20	155.80	+0.67	5.25
Income	138.60	148.00	+1.00	4.60
-do- Acc	204.70	218.30	+1.50	4.60
International	394.60	420.60	+3.70	0.66
-do- Acc	524.80	559.30	+4.00	0.66
Japan	194.50	208.30	+3.40	...
-do- Acc	196.70	211.60	+3.50	...
New Europe	139.50	148.90	+0.70	1.74
-do- Acc	141.80	151.30	-0.80	1.74
Recovery	288.90	308.20	-1.20	2.91
-do- Acc	365.00	389.40	+1.60	2.91
European Inc	72.31	76.66	+0.17	3.18
-do- Acc	93.44	99.05	-0.21	3.18
Brit Blue Chip	72.56	77.26	+0.74	3.26
-do- Acc	85.57	91.14	+0.89	3.26
Portfolio	74.14	78.81	+0.56	2.87
-do- Acc	84.31	89.61	+0.63	2.87
Gold General	150.60	162.00	+3.40	0.58
-do- Acc	154.00	165.60	+3.50	0.58
Pacific	93.55	99.79	+0.97	0.84
-do- Acc	99.46	106.10	+1.00	0.84
UK Smaller Cos	52.96	56.50	+0.03	1.93
-do- Acc	59.10	63.05	+0.02	1.93
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 528 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	57.54	61.54	+0.19	2.88
-do- Acc	58.43	62.49	+0.19	2.88
British Dist	76.25	81.55	-0.42	2.10
-do- Acc	86.32	92.32	+0.48	2.10
European Gth	173.00	185.00	+0.70	0.25
-do- Acc	217.20	232.30	+1.00	0.25
Extra High Inc	68.89	73.68	+0.15	6.24
-do- Acc	123.20	131.80	+0.30	6.24
FT-SE 100 Index	47.71	51.09	+0.29	2.68
-do- Acc	48.42	51.79	+0.29	2.68
Gilt Fixed Int	56.83	59.16	+0.24	6.79
-do- Acc	151.70	157.90	+0.60	6.79
High Yield	218.40	233.60	+0.60	4.69
-do- Acc	512.80	548.40	+1.30	4.69
Income	278.60	298.00	-1.10	3.34
-do- Acc	579.30	619.60	+2.30	3.34
Japan Gth	358.80	383.70	+5.50	...
-do- Acc	378.70	405.00	+5.90	...
Mandarin Acc	100.40	107.40	+1.00	0.46
North American	166.10	177.60	+0.60	0.25
-do- Acc	209.50	224.10	+0.80	0.25
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	268.00	285.00	+2.10	...
Deposit Inc	100.09	100.09	+0.01	5.90
Deposit Acc	123.15	123.15	+0.01	5.90
Euro Gth Acc	287.10	306.00	+2.10	...
Europa	124.10	132.80	+0.80	...
Intl Gth	173.20	185.20	+1.60	...
Japan Tracker	81.42	86.26	+1.14	...
UK Equity Inc	149.90	161.50	+0.90	4.09
-do- Acc	183.60	198.00	+1.10	4.09
UK Ind Tracker	143.30	153.40	+1.20	3.14
US Eq Ind Trkr	192.60	204.30	-0.60	1.44
-do- Acc	203.80	216.10	+0.60	1.44
Asian Trader	161.50	175.20	+1.70	0.45
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	169.20	173.40	...	2.12
European	61.03	62.34	+0.25	1.65
Olympiad	56.06	57.49	+0.37	0.22
Global Bond	48.02	48.58	+0.20	6.32
Smaller Cos	67.28	70.36	-0.16	1.07
Equity Income	91.11	93.68	+0.61	4.91
UK Growth	83.47	86.10	+0.57	1.71
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	47.25	50.40	+0.14	1.14
Australian Acc	313.80	336.60	+2.30	...
Conscience	61.93	66.09	+1.46	1.25
-do- Acc	66.85	71.34	+1.58	1.25
European	168.40	179.10	+0.50	1.16
-do- Acc	181.20	192.70	+0.50	1.16
Extra Income	72.48	77.35	+0.32	5.74
-do- Acc	110.80	118.20	+0.50	5.74
Far East Gth	168.20	179.70	-0.30	0.05
Gilt Fxd Inc	59.88	63.19	+0.31	6.27
Gold	53.69	57.73	+1.29	...
-do- Acc	57.82	62.17	+1.39	...
Income	51.74	55.18	+0.16	5.09
-do- Acc	158.40	168.90	+0.50	5.09
International	29.81	31.98	+0.19	0.69
-do- Acc	42.83	45.95	+0.28	0.69
Jap Sm Cos Acc	354.90	378.50	+6.30	...
S pore Mly Acc	194.70	208.70	-4.00	...
Smllr Cos Acc	24.57	26.41	-0.07	0.83
Special Sits	31.70	34.08	+0.17	1.82
-do- Acc	36.51	39.25	+0.19	1.82
Tokyo	89.83	95.81	+1.37	...
-do- Acc	90.74	96.78	+1.39	...
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	66.53	70.78	+0.17	2.70
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	76.33	80.78	-0.08	5.89
N&P Higher Inc	196.80	209.40	+0.60	4.58
N&P UK Income	101.03	107.48	+0.34	3.77
N&P Intl	88.72	94.39	+0.31	1.63
N&P Smaller Cos	74.58	79.13	-0.04	1.55
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA 071 407 4404				
General	162.73	173.12	...	2.02
Global	292.51	311.39	...	3.06
Growth	106.93	113.76	...	1.93
Income	200.23	213.02	...	3.70
Intl Bond	130.13	138.20	...	6.76
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	136.40	143.60	-0.80	2.58
-do- Acc	241.70	254.40	-1.40	2.58
Income	220.70	234.70	+1.50	3.52

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Equity	226.20	240.60	+1.40	0.84
-do- Acc	247.60	263.30	+1.50	0.84
Equity	214.40	228.10	+1.60	2.46
-do- Acc	439.70	467.70	+3.20	2.46
UK Intl 25 Acc	69.56	74.00	+0.49	1.07
UK Income	60.16	64.00	+0.43	3.07
UK Smllr Co Acc	75.67	80.49	+0.83	1.41
New Europe Acc	61.60	65.53	+0.26	1.23
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	95.51	102.15	+1.25	0.11
PEP Gth Inc	101.79	108.87	+0.48	1.33
Intl Gth	495.72	530.19	+2.38	0.77
Income	308.01	329.43	+1.04	3.19
W wide Recov	316.15	338.13	-1.74	0.57
American Gth	207.97	222.43	+1.41	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	191.15	204.44	+0.77	0.32
Far East Gth	226.12	241.84	+0.97	0.01
European Gth	115.33	123.35	+0.44	1.26
UK Growth	77.89	83.10	+0.22	2.85
High Income	83.43	89.24	+0.20	4.35
Japanese Gth	223.91	238.37	+1.39	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282443				
International	176.20	187.40	+1.20	0.68
High Income	109.20	116.10	-0.80	3.62
Conv Gilt	109.70	116.60	+0.20	5.99
Far East	316.70	337.00	+3.40	0.23
Global Inc Acc	31.77	33.80	+0.17	5.20
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	50.33	53.54	-0.27	0.20
Emerging Mkts	67.36	71.66	+0.95	0.85
General	47.11	50.12	+0.27	3.29
International	84.78	90.19	+0.39	1.33
Gilt Units	26.81	27.64	+0.14	7.19
Global PEP	34.82	37.04	+0.21	2.07
Income Gth	65.78	69.98	+0.30	4.68
European	43.44	46.21	+0.04	0.65
Gilt/Fixed Int	24.53	26.10	+0.06	6.03
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4514 Pricelinks: 0426 925090				
Pru Mngd Tst	31.40	33.58	+0.17	1.74
Pru Cab Hvn Inc	101.70	108.20	+0.01	4.82
-do- Acc	105.85	106.36	+0.01	4.82
Pru Equity	649.10	694.22	+2.59	2.69
Pru Equity Inc	78.96	84.44	+0.22	4.53
Pru European	174.83	186.98	+0.44	1.37
Pru Global Gth	79.26	84.76	-0.52	1.36
Pru High Inc	84.83	90.72	+0.16	4.96
Pru Intl	163.08	174.41	+1.39	1.14
Pru Intl Sm Co	70.52	75.42	+0.78	0.68
Pru Japanese	207.63	222.06	+2.26	...
Pru Nth Amer	145.55	155.66	+2.16	0.82
Pru Pacific Mkt	77.29	82.66	+0.44	1.37
Pru Prem Inc	50.15	52.22	-0.09	5.18
Pru Smllr Cos	80.54	86.13	+0.01	2.19
Pru Spec Sits	96.54	103.25	+0.46	2.59
Pru UK Growth	108.74	116.29	+0.49	2.48
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2961/4				
FA Income	153.63	164.19	+0.77	3.64
FA Japan	286.79	305.07	+3.68	...
FA Maj UK Cos	91.54	97.75	+0.96	2.86
FA America Inc	494.04	526.66	+0.65	0.86
-do- Acc	576.84	614.93	+0.76	0.86
FA Smlr UK Cos	267.40	289.48	+0.72	1.62
FA European	254.94	270.17	+0.91	1.39
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	72.44	77.06	+0.30	3.63
Capital Units	143.80	153.00	+0.90	1.28
Commodity	114.40	121.70	-2.20	1.07
European Gth	158.50	168.60	+1.20	1.16
Financial Sec	177.10	188.40	+0.50	1.79
High Return	210.00	223.40	+1.70	3.70
High Yield	204.40	217.40	+0.60	4.00
Income Units	110.10	117.10	+0.50	4.69
Investment	179.40	190.90	+0.90	1.25
Japan Gth	161.10	171.40	+1.80	...
Japan Smaller	186.60	198.50	+2.30	...
Masterfund	46.77	49.78	+0.35	1.28
Scotbits	259.60	276.20	+1.90	1.49
Scotshares	253.30	269.50	+0.20	2.72
Scotyields	223.20	237.40	+1.70	3.92
Select Intl	131.30	139.70	+1.10	0.40
Smaller Cos	228.10	242.70	+0.70	3.91
Special Situation	108.50	115.40	+0.40	0.84
UK Equity	218.70	232.70	+1.40	2.79
US Growth	139.10	148.00	+0.90	0.58
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St, London, EC4V 4EJ. Client line: 0800 526 535 Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	236.78	251.78	-0.71	0.58
-do- Acc	256.54	272.79	-0.77	0.58
Australian	133.08	141.95	+0.20	0.80
-do- Acc	156.46	166.89	+0.24	0.80
UK Enterprise	215.34	229.69	+1.40	2.32
-do- Acc	251.64	268.42	+1.64	2.32
European Gth	62.02	65.95	+0.25	1.34
-do- Acc	64.41	68.50	+0.26	1.34
Euro Smllr Cos	56.69	60.40	+0.49	0.45
-do- Acc	57.08	60.81	+0.49	0.45
Far Eastern Gth	73.69	78.60	+0.72	...
-do- Acc	74.88	79.87	+0.73	...
Fixed Interest	54.71	57.69	+0.12	6.50
-do- Acc	66.43	70.05	+0.14	6.50
Gilt Income	105.95	111.65	+0.58	7.39
-do- Acc	147.97	155.93	+0.80	7.39
Income	324.45	346.08	+2.27	3.72
-do- Acc	957.04	1020.8	+6.70	3.72
Japan Enterprise	70.76	75.47	+0.71	...
-do- Acc	70.76	75.47	+0.71	...
Japan Smllr Cos	492.39	525.21	+8.07	...
-do- Acc	493.37	526.26	+8.08	...
Pacific Gth	97.41	103.90	+1.22	0.07
-do- Acc	100.30	106.99	+1.32	0.07
Smaller Cos	189.68	202.32	+0.70	0.79
-do- Acc	219.38	234.00	+0.81	0.79
Tokyo	113.39	120.94	+1.26	...
-do- Acc	114.53	122.16	+1.28	...
UK Equity	210.88	224.93	+1.57	2.52
-do- Acc	395.39	421.75	+2.94	2.52
US Smllr Cos	135.57	144.60	+0.08	...
-do- Acc	135.57	144.60	+0.08	...
World Fd	71.40	76.16	+0.40	2.05
-do- Acc	75.28	80.30	+0.42	2.05
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow, G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	46.87	49.92	+0.27	3.72
Equity Strategy	63.09	67.19	+0.39	1.04
European Opps	72.37	77.07	+0.62	1.22
Maximum Inc	99.71	102.28	+0.01	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	53.31	56.78	+0.08	2.33
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	341.00	364.20	+1.90	2.85
American	249.70	266.20	+1.40	0.76
Pacific	341.80	365.60	-3.80	0.61
European	449.50	480.70	+2.60	1.20
Worldwide	80.84	86.46	+0.38	1.05
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	300.70	319.90	+2.40	2.70

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UK Sm Cos Eqty	207.20	220.50	+0.30	1.62
European	332.10	353.30	+2.60	1.66
North American	255.30	271.60	-0.20	0.63
Income Plus Inc	67.69	72.02	-0.71	3.72
UK Spec Sits	67.61	71.93	-0.61	2.85
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 556 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	25.66	27.46	+0.18	2.88
Intl Growth Acc	29.84	31.94	+0.21	0.99
Market Ldrs Acc	25.86	27.68	+0.15	2.99
FOR SGTR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
European	$101	...	+0.84	...
Global Bond	$100.20	...	-0.20	7.50
Japan Samurai	$98.90	...	-0.18	...
UK Growth	$99.81	...	-0.06	2.99
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	44.42	47.20	+0.50	1.64
Equity Gth Acc	60.53	64.32	+0.70	1.41
UK Eq General	41.76	44.38	+0.50	2.26
-do- Acc	55.16	58.61	+0.70	2.26
European Acc	41.89	44.51	+0.40	1.05
Far East Acc	56.98	60.55	-0.70	0.19
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	31.38	33.17	-0.10	6.24
N American Acc	43.26	45.97	+0.10	0.96
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	285.90	310.30	+3.20	1.41
UK Eq High Inc	35.79	38.03	+0.50	3.88
-do- Acc	42.50	45.16	+0.60	3.88
UK Lgr Cos Inc	288.20	312.80	+3.40	3.80
UK Lgr Cos Acc	375.30	407.30	+4.40	3.80
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	N283.61	N283.83	+0.026	1.24
US Eq	$2.142	$2.276	+0.011	1.17
Far East Eq	Y240.3	Y255.2	-1.90	...
Japan Eq	Y243.6	Y258.7	-0.40	...
FT Europe	£113.30	£120.70	-2.00	2.17
FT North Am	$1.713	$1.816	...	1.32
FT Japan	Y242.7	Y257.8	-1.90	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.890	$2.011	-0.006	1.52
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	342.90	365.70	+1.50	0.32
British	946.80	1001.7	+2.00	4.07
European	397.00	422.50	+4.10	1.37
Japan	151.30	160.50	+1.40	...
New Pacific	303.40	323.10	+1.50	1.01
Mngd Cash	95.62	95.62	...	5.20
Majority Stlg	99.81	100.81	+0.01	4.93
Inv Tst	193.40	205.00	+0.70	1.74
Salnes PPF	381.60	401.70	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690388				
Equity Acc	723.20	773.50	+3.40	2.96
N America Acc	118.10	126.30	-0.30	0.20
Far East Acc	127.80	136.70	+1.70	...
W wide Bond	61.67	65.47	-0.40	5.41
European	83.91	89.74	+0.15	0.87
Equity Income	82.81	88.57	+0.27	3.89
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingstoke, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	34.12	36.50	-0.04	0.43
Managed Assets	118.52	126.76	+0.76	3.15
UK Income	36.46	39.00	+0.31	3.15
UK Growth	36.36	38.89	+0.28	2.52
Worldwide Gth	31.45	33.64	+0.19	0.37
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	209.91	223.31	+0.79	0.08
-do- Acc	231.20	245.96	+0.88	0.08
British Gth	85.97	91.46	+0.43	1.99
-do- Acc	101.15	107.61	+0.51	1.99
European	93.17	99.12	+0.79	0.99
-do- Acc	98.28	104.55	+0.83	0.99
Extra Inc	187.80	199.79	+0.72	4.26
-do- Acc	299.60	318.72	+1.15	4.26
General Unit	263.04	279.83	+1.05	2.45
-do- Acc	525.33	558.86	+2.09	2.45
Income	321.66	342.19	+1.33	3.27
-do- Acc	668.43	711.10	+2.75	3.27
International	496.24	527.92	+2.86	0.40
-do- Acc	649.63	691.10	+3.36	0.40
Pacific	351.60	374.14	+7.14	...
-do- Acc	369.44	393.02	+7.51	...
Premier Income	51.17	53.30	-0.01	6.85
-do- Acc	108.17	112.68	-0.03	6.85
Nat Resources	139.97	148.90	+2.36	0.02
-do- Acc	153.61	163.41	+2.59	0.02
Selected Opps	97.71	103.95	+1.50	1.29
-do- Acc	122.33	130.14	+1.88	1.29
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD Swan House, 33 Queen St, London EC4R 1AX 071 493 7262 Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Smi Cos	70.97	75.70	+0.17	...
-do- Acc	73.19	78.06	+0.16	...
European Opps	61.32	65.27	+0.34	0.45
-do- Acc	61.95	65.95	+0.34	0.45
Far East Opps	153.80	164.05	+1.91	...
-do- Acc	157.39	167.88	+1.95	...
Japan	91.55	97.39	+2.03	...
-do- Acc	91.55	97.39	+2.08	...
Little Dragons	74.46	79.42	+0.74	0.63
-do- Acc	76.65	81.75	+0.75	0.63
Oriental Income	44.42	47.38	+0.33	3.36
-do- Acc	55.63	60.40	+0.41	3.36
Tiger	213.44	227.66	+1.80	1.16
-do- Acc	224.34	239.18	+1.88	1.16
UK Small Cos	82.23	87.94	+0.27	1.81
-do- Acc	95.95	102.61	+0.32	1.81
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	19.81	21.07	+0.39	0.50
Pacific Basin	33.10	35.21	+0.23	0.60
Canadian Gth	35.91	38.20	+0.10	...
Global Bond	$0.976	$1.017	+0.009	7.07
Penny Share	24.58	26.14	-0.01	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	53.06	53.06	+0.01	5.04
Gilt Growth	68.74	72.55	-0.09	...
Gilt Income	52.50	54.63	-0.09	7.50
Short Dtd Gilt	108.70	110.20	-0.10	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.716	$0.725	...	...
Challenger	95.32	97.54	+0.20	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	68.11	72.45	+0.15	2.02

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	7,500	Cadbury	2,000	MB Cardn	2,700	Scot Power	2,400
Abbey Natl	3,100	Carlton Cm	2,200	Marks Spr	2,700	Sears	1,400
Alld-Lyons	2,200	Coats Vly	2,700	NFC	809	Svrn Trent	640
Anglian W	90	Cm Union	264	NatWst Bk	3,200	Shell Trans	2,400
Argyll Gp	3,100	Courtaulds	887	Nat Power	1,200	Siebe	1,600
Arjo Wiggn	1,400	De La Rue	100	Nth Wst W	169	SmKl Bch	4,000
AB Foods	2	Enterpr Oil	410	Nthrn Fds	983	Smith Nph	3,100
BAA	1,200	Forte	29,000	P & O	545	Std Chard	218
BAT Inds	7,000	GRE	942	Pearson	1,300	Sun Allnce	1,700
BOC	1,900	GUS A	413	PowerGen	449	TI Gp	626
BP	5,100	Gen Acc	609	Prudential	7,600	TSB	4,700
BT	14,000	Gen Elec	5,600	RMC	387	Tate & Lyle	837
BTR	2,000	Glaxo	6,900	RTZ	1,200	Tesco	3,100
Bk of Scot	907	Granada	2,300	Rank Org	979	Thames W	1,500
Barclays	2,700	Grand Met	2,400	Reckitt Col	1,500	Thrn EMI	978
Bass	1,500	Guinness	2,600	Redland	740	Tomkins	1,700
Blue Circle	683	HSBC	2,500	Reed Intl	1,600	Unilever	1,100
Boots	3,100	Hanson	4,500	Rentokil	385	Utd Bisc	934
Bowater	2,700	ICI	3,300	Reuters	961	Vodafone	427
Brit Aero	842	Inchcape	987	Rothmans	1,600	Warburg (SG)	725
Brit Airways	3,300	Kingfisher	1,000	Ryl Ins	5,300	Wellcome	4,500
Brit Gas	11,000	Ladbroke	5,600	Ryl Bk Scot	1,800	Whitbd 'A'	1,200
Brit Steel	6,100	Land Secs	1,700	Sainsbury	1,400	Wlms Hld	2,800
Burmah Cast	653	Legal & Gn	1,000	Scot Hydro	603	Wolseley	32
Cable Wire	2,200	Lloyds Bk	2,200	Scot & New	251	Zeneca	1,600

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3559.31 (-6.15)
S&P Composite 448.42 (+0.19)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 19829.58 (-61.81)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 6903.21 (+37.24)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 119.6 (+0.4)

Sydney: AO 1818.4 (+3.5)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1833.91 (-11.32)

FT 30 share: 2277.7 (+0.4)

Brussels:
General 6712.63 (-31.40)

Paris: CAC 548.75 (-0.67)

Zurich: SKA Gen 557.10 (+2.00)

London:
FT A All-Share 1426.88 (-2.66)
FT 500 1538.54 (-2.92)
FT Gold Mines 229.8 (+4.3)
FT Fixed Interest 117.61 (+0.27)
FT Govt Secs 96.47 (+0.55)
Bargains 32330
SEAQ Volume 690.0m
USM (Datastrm) 138.74 (-0.10)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
July 26	August 6	October 28	November 8

Call options were taken out on 28/7/93: Alexon, Brent Walker, Caverdale, Chiltern Radio, Eurotunnel Wts 1993, Essex Furn, Flextech, Govett Emerging Mkts, Harmony, Japan Perpetual, Medeva, Mid-States, Mirror Grp, THORN EMI, Union Discount. Put: Essex Furn, Puts & Calls: British Steel, Simon Eng.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 49369	Sep 93	2895.0	2910.0	2888.0	2894.0	12194
	Dec 93	2916.0	2918.0	2909.0	2912.5	1170
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 345044	Sep 93	94.22	94.40	94.22	94.36	56341
	Dec 93	94.44	94.60	94.44	94.58	34829
	Mar 94	94.39	94.53	94.39	94.52	10787
Three Mth Eurodollar Previous open interest: 14174	Sep 93	96.57	96.57	96.53	96.56	545
	Dec 93	96.09	96.09	96.06	96.07	555
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 660146	Sep 93	93.40	93.45	93.38	93.40	48084
	Dec 93	93.99	94.04	93.98	94.00	28229
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 92273	Sep 93	108-07	109-01	108-06	108-14	49010
	Dec 93	107-25	108-05	107-25	107-24	197
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 93	110.64	110.86	110.61	110.86	2637
	Dec 93	109.78	109.91	109.78	109.92	105
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 188930	Sep 93	96.20	96.31	95.84	95.91	97859
	Dec 93	96.37	96.41	96.04	96.05	2929
German Gov Bd Bobl Previous open interest: 19616	Sep 93	99.98	100.08	99.85	99.91	3420
	Dec 93				100.09	0
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 32817	Sep 93	92.95	93.10	92.95	93.04	2514
	Dec 93	93.74	93.80	93.72	93.75	783
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 45788	Sep 93	95.51	95.54	95.47	95.48	3030
	Dec 93	95.79	95.80	95.74	95.74	894
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 56473	Sep 93	104.57	104.95	104.51	104.69	15693
	Dec 93	104.32	104.49	104.26	104.49	487

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 81.2 (day's range 81.2-81.3).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for July 28	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8801-2.8868	2.8830-2.8865	⅛-¼ds	¼-½ds
Brussels	53.03-53.20	53.03-53.09	9-20ds	19-40ds
Copenhagen	9.9320-9.9860	9.9480-9.9700	n/a	n/a
Dublin	1.0640-1.0670	1.0642-1.0661	1-7ds	11-18ds
Frankfurt	2.5614-2.5661	2.5623-2.5657	¼-½ds	⅜-¾ds
Lisbon	258.00-262.70	258.00-259.00	175-200ds	425-489ds
Madrid	206.87-210.56	206.87-207.46	130-145ds	288-309ds
Milan	2378.10-2398.00	2378.10-2382.80	10-12ds	20-22ds
Montreal	1.9078-1.9151	1.9125-1.9146	0.38-0.29pr	0.67-0.53pr
New York	1.4870-1.4925	1.4915-1.4925	0.37-0.36pr	0.99-0.97pr
Oslo	10.9410-10.9750	10.9410-10.9640	¼-1¼ds	[illegible]
Paris	8.7110-8.7750	8.7160-8.7300	3½-4ds	[illegible]
Stockholm	12.0020-12.0710	12.0470-12.0710	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tokyo	157.05-157.53	157.05-157.31	[illegible]	1⅛-1pr
Vienna	18.01-18.10	18.01-18.05	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zurich	2.2531-2.2589	2.2558-2.2589	[illegible]	[illegible]

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4874-1.4900
Australia dollar	2.2030-2.2054
Bahrain dinar	0.5555-0.5675
Brazil cruzeiro*	103374.1-103447.9
Cyprus pound	0.76-0.77
Finland markka	8.637-8.753
Greece drachma	350.0-357.0
Hong Kong dollar	11.5584-11.5676
India rupee	46.29-47.25
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4445-0.4545
Malaysia ringgit	3.8207-3.8234
Mexico peso	4.6-4.7
New Zealand dollar	2.7024-2.7067
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.522-5.648
Singapore dollar	2.4034-2.4065
S Africa rand (fin)	6.6595-6.6939
S Africa rand (com)	5.0047-5.0104
U A E dirham	5.408-5.532

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4775-1.4786
Austria	12.110-12.115
Belgium (Com)	35.60-35.64
Canada	1.2827-1.2832
Denmark	6.6725-6.6745
France	5.8485-5.8505
Germany	1.7210-1.7215
Hong Kong	7.7552-7.7562
Ireland	1.4024-1.4034
Italy	1594.25-1595.25
Japan	105.54-105.59
Malaysia	2.5630-2.5640
Netherlands	1.9350-1.9355
Norway	7.3470-7.3490
Portugal	174.20-174.40
Singapore	1.6125-1.6135
Spain	139.65-140.15
Sweden	8.0462-8.0562
Switzerland	1.5190-1.5200

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 6¼ Week fixed: 6¼
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible]. Sell: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth: [illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates: Interbank:	6⅛-6	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	6⅛-6	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open 6¼, close 6½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs	3.09-3.04	n/a	3.18-3.15	3.43-3.40	3.72-3.68
Building Society CDs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: June 30, 1993 Agreed rates July 26, 1993 to August 24, 1993. Schemes III: 7.18%. Reference rate May 29, 1993 to June 30, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 5.939%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc	[illegible]	11-10	[illegible]	[illegible]	12-10
Swiss Franc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5-4
Yen	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3⅛-3	[illegible]

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $391.70-392.10 Close: $394.10-394.60 High: $394.40-394.90 Low: $390.80-391.30 Krugerrand: $393.00-395.00 (£261.00-263.00)
Sovereigns: Old $90.25-92.25 (£60.00-62.00) New $90.25-92.25 (£60.00-62.00)
Platinum: $406.60 (£272.70) Silver: $5.16 (£3.46) Palladium: $140.40 (£94.15)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
All'd Lyon	500	62½	73	80	1	4	10½
(*557½)	550	12	35	46½	1	17	28
Argyll	300	10½	25½	31½	1	11	18
(*306)	330	1	11	18	23	28	34½
ASDA	57	8	10½	-	1	3	-
(*65½)	67	½	4½	-	3½	7½	-
Boots	420	28½	43	50	1	9	10½
(*445)	460	1	19	28	15	27	36
Br Airways	316	11½	26	35	1	13	20
(*325)	345	1	13½	21½	20½	28½	36
BP	280	21½	27½	33	½	6	11½
(*299½)	300	2½	16	22	1½	13½	19½
Br Steel	100	9½	15½	19½	1	4½	7
(*109)	110	½	9	15	2	9	12
C & W	750	40	63	79½	1	14	24½
(*787½)	800	1	34	45	14	35	47
CU	580	34½	44½	-	1	13	-
(*612½)	629	1	18	-	19	39	-
ICI	633	24	40½	57	1	22	28
(*650)	657	3	26	44	4½	35	42
Kingfishr	584	29	45	-	1	13½	-
(*608½)	632	1	18½	-	23½	36	-
Land Sec	600	22	39	44	1	11½	18½
(*622½)	650	1	13½	23	33½	38	47
M & S	330	9	23	30	1	9½	15½
(*337½)	360	1	9	16	23½	27½	32
Nat West	460	23½	43½	55	1	10½	16
(*470½)	500	1½	20½	32	9	29	34½
Sainsbury	460	11	32	42½	1	14½	22½
(*467½)	500	1	13½	24	30½	37½	44½
Shell	600	33½	43	53	1	11	17½
(*637½)	650	1	13½	27½	20½	37	43
Smkl Bch	420	47½	56½	66½	1	8	15½
(*461½)	460	6	30½	43½	2	23	32
Storehse	190	18½	24½	28	1	3½	7
(*196½)	200	1	11½	16	4	11½	16
Trafalgar	101	1	8	-	1½	7½	-
(*100)	110	½	5	8	11	14	18
Unilever	960	27	60½	77	1	21	32½
(*977)	1000	1	31½	49	27	44	59
Zeneca	600	22½	39	52½	1	20½	29½
(*621½)	650	1	15	29	31½	51	58½

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Feb	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Feb
Grnd Met	390	28	41	50	1	8	18½
(*415)	420	1½	22	34	5½	19	33
Ladbroke	180	1½	12	16½	2	15	19
(*179)	200	1	5	9	24	30	33
Utd Bisc	360	7	27	36½	1	17	24
(*364)	390	1	12	23½	25	34½	41½

Jul. 28, 1993 Tot: 32193 Call: 17082 Put: 15111 FT-SE Call: 4369 Put: 3117

*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Jan
BAA	750	22	50	57	9½	22½	30½
(*762½)	800	3	25	32½	39	49½	57½
Thames W	460	21	35½	39	2½	15	18
(*476½)	500	2	14½	19	26½	37	40½

Series		Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
BAT Ind	425	24	32	45	4½	15	18½
(*444½)	450	5	20	30	18	23	31
BTR	360	20½	28½	34	1½	10½	12½
(*375)	390	2½	13	19½	16	26	23½
Br Aero	420	14½	42½	57½	15½	41½	51
(*416)	460	3	27	41½	46½	67	75½
Br Telcm	390	29½	30	37	1	9	15
(*417½)	420	6	15	21	8	23½	30
Cadbury	420	43½	52½	62½	1	7	12
(*459½)	460	9½	26	37½	8½	22½	29
Guinness	430	25½	41	51	2½	13	18½
(*440)	460	3½	20½	29½	22½	31	39
GEC	330	15½	27	31	2	8	12½
(*342½)	360	2	11	19	19	24	27½
Hanson	220	16	21	24½	1	6	9½
(*234)	240	3	10	14½	8½	15½	19½
LASMO	130	9½	17	21½	2½	9	12½
(*134½)	140	4	12	17	7	14½	17½
Lucas	140	7	16	20½	3	11½	12
(*145)	160	1½	7	12	17	24½	27
Pilkngtn	130	11	17½	19	1½	5½	9½
(*140)	140	4½	12	13½	4½	9	14
Prudential	300	15½	24½	31	2	11½	15
(*310)	330	1	9	16½	19½	29	32
Redland	460	36½	50	59½	2	16	22
(*488)	500	7½	26½	38½	15	35½	41½
Royal Ins	317	18½	30	38	2½	12	15½
(*333)	346	3	15½	23	17	27½	31
Tesco	200	9	18	25	3½	11	14
(*204½)	220	2	9	16	17	23	26
Vodafone	420	33	50	59½	1½	12	18½
(*452½)	460	6½	26½	36½	15½	29	36
Williams	300	24½	31½	38½	1½	10½	15
(*321½)	330	4	15	23	12½	26½	30

FT-SE INDEX (*2884)

		2750	2800	2850	2900	2950	3000
Calls	Aug	152	107	63	32	13	4½
	Sep	164	122	85	55	33	19
	Oct	180	142	107	72	49	37
	Nov	197	160	129	98	75	55
	Dec	-	174	-	155	-	68
Puts	Aug	5	9	17	40	74	123
	Sep	15	23	39	57	89	124
	Oct	24	34	52	72	100	133
	Nov	36	49	68	88	116	146
	Dec	-	61	-	99	-	155

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Abby Nat	390	15	28½	35	12½	19	26
(*390½)	430	4	15	21½	33½	37½	44
Amstrad	30	4	5½	6½	2	3	3½
(*32)	35	1½	3½	4½	4½	5½	5½
Barclays	460	29	44	52½	10	17½	25
(*478½)	500	8½	24	32	31½	39	46½
Blue Circ	240	24½	30½	36½	4½	12	15½
(*255½)	260	12	19½	26	13	22	25½
Br Gas	280	30½	33½	37½	2	6½	10
(*305½)	300	13½	20	25½	6½	15	19½
Dixons	200	18	27½	33	6	11½	15½
(*210)	220	8	17½	22½	16½	21½	25½
Forte	220	9	15	21½	13	19½	23
(*224½)	240	3	8½	14	28½	33½	36
Hillsdwn	130	14½	19	23	4½	8	11
(*138½)	140	8½	14	17½	8½	14½	16
Lonrho	120	11	17	20	5½	9	13
(*127)	130	6	12	16	10½	14	19
Sears	90	11	13	15	1½	3½	4½
(*98)	100	4	6½	8½	5	7½	9½
Thrn Emi	900	54	71	83	14½	26	37
(*951½)	950	18	43½	55	41	51½	62
Tomkins	220	11½	18	25	8½	14	17½
(*224)	240	3½	12	16	22½	26½	29
TSB	180	22	27	30	3	6½	10½
(*201)	200	8½	15	18½	11	15½	19½
Wellcome	650	55½	76½	91½	13	32	39½
(*695½)	700	30	50	64	34½	57	65

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Apr	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Apr
Glaxo	900	78	84½	94½	4	16½	27½
(*958)	950	38½	52½	64½	16½	36	49
HSBC	600	54	72	87	11	24½	41½
(*639)	650	23	45	63½	34	48½	65½
Reuter	1400	67	115	145	37	68	95
(*1438½)	1450	39	87	115	67	93	125

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Feb	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Feb
R-Royce	140	9	14	17	5	14	15½
(*138½)	160	2	7	9	22½	27½	28½

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Dec	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Dec
Fisons	160	10	21	23½	1	8	12½
(*169)	180	1	10	13½	13	19	24

Series		Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
Eastrn Elc	460	32	46½	53½	1½	8	14½
(*491)	500	4½	21½	30	15½	25	32½

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Natl Pwr	330	35	44	48½	2½	7½	11
(*359)	360	14	25½	30	11	19	23½
Scot Pwr	310	22½	27	-	4½	9	-
(*330½)	330	7½	16	20½	15	19	23½

COMMODITIES

COMMODITIES REPORT: Cocoa futures closed mostly easier with support at the lower end of the market's current range remaining under pressure. Robusta coffee futures finished firmer but slightly below the day's highs after failing to overcome resistance around its recent peak. White sugar prices were higher with the market recovering some recently lost ground amid sentiment that it had become oversold.

LONDON FOX

COCOA

Jul	741-737	Sep	808 SLR
Sep	745-743	Dec	821-820
Dec	757-755	Mar	834 SLR
Mar	776-775	May	846-845
May	786-785		
Jul	797 SLR		Volume: 7136

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	988-976	Mar	1000-997
Sep	1009-1006	May	1005-1000
Nov	1070-1008	Jul	1010-995
Jan	1004-1001		Volume: 1434

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

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Spot: unq		Dec	unq
May	unq	Mar	
Aug		May	
Oct		Aug	
			Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters

Spot: 265.0		May	264.8-63.5
Oct	256.4-55.0	Aug	269.7-48.5
Dec	253.4-52.5	Oct	261.2-60.0
Mar	260.9-60.0	Dec	263.2-62.0
			Volume: 224

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on July 28

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	73.86	91.24	130.06
(+/-)	-5.51	-0.32	-1.09
Eng/Wales:	73.82	91.51	129.28
(+/-)	-5.58	-1.05	-1.38
(%)	-0.6	-1.3	-4.6
Scotland:	80.96	90.44	133.00
(+/-)	+1.99	+1.89	-0.12
(%)	-5.2	-4.2	-2.1

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	100.5	101.0	Oct	102.0	102.0
Sep	101.6	100.0		Volume: 31	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	106.30
Nov	107.70
Jan	109.70
Mar	111.85
May	113.80
	Volume: 477

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	101.25
Nov	103.25
Jan	105.75
Mar	107.85
May	106.90
	Volume: 73

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	180.00
Oct	180.00
Dec	181.00
Feb	182.00
Apr	182.50
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	82.5
Apr	84.8	82.2
May	93.5	92.8
		Volume: 198

RUBBER No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Sep 59.25-59.75

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Having seen a rush of business last week, the oil market went back to a more neutral stance.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.10	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Aug)	17.15	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Sep)	17.05	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	18.20	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	18.40	n/c

PRODUCTS ($/MT) Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	194 (n/c)	196 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	163 (+1)	164 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Aug	163 (-1)	164 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Sep	164 (-1)	165 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	58 (n/c)	60 (n/c)
Naphtha	164 (n/c)	166 (n/c)

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GAS OIL

Aug	161.75-62.00	Nov	166.00-66.25
Sep	162.75-63.00	Dec	168.00-68.75
Oct	164.00-64.25	Jan	169.25-69.75
			Vol: 9542

BRENT (6.00pm)

Sep	17.06-17.07	Dec	17.30-17.35
Oct	17.12-17.14	Jan	17.40-17.44
Nov	17.21-17.24		Vol: 22737

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Aug	162.75-86.00	Nov	unq
Sep	unq	Dec	unq
Oct	unq		Vol: 39

BIFFEX GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Aug 93	1325	1300	1310
Sep 93	1320	1320	1333
Oct 93	1381	1370	1380
Nov 93	1390	1390	1390

Vol: 110 lots. Open int'st: 3796 Index 1346 -1

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1946.0-1947.0	1946.0-1947.0	1033450
Lead ($/tonne)	391.50-392.00	405.00-405.50	83875
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	918.00-918.50	934.00-934.50	375025
Tin ($/tonne)	4915.0-4920.0	4965.0-4966.0	1235
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1195.5-1196.0	1219.0-1219.5	1239800
Nickel ($/tonne)	4930.0-4935.0	4985.0-4988.0	41916

Equities close below best

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began July 19. Dealings end tomorrow. §Contango day August 2. Settlement day August 9. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
425	345	Abbey Nl	380	-8	11.5	3.7	15.0
263	179	Allied Irish	254	...	...	4.4	13.0
185	130	Aus New Z	177	...	...	5.1	...
3806¼	2712½	Bankamerica	3025	+37½	...	...	...
238	177	Bk of Ireland	230	+1	...	5.8	17.0
350	325	Bk Leumi UK	350	...	17.0	6.2	...
159	116½	Bank Scotland	156	-½	4.5	3.7	30.9
496	362	Barclays	479	-3	...	4.0	...
4¼	2	Beachmark	4	...	...	...	...
21	15½	Carlisle	19½	-½	...	...	...
517	398	Cater Allen	517	-13	27.0	6.5	...
130	85	Cattles	127	...	...	4.1	16.9
2450	1787¼	Chase Manh	2137¼	-3½	...	...	...
2212½	1343¼	Citicorp	2212½	+50	...	...	...
370	250	Close Bros	365	+3	...	3.3	16.2
£125¼	9275	Commerzbk	£124¼	-100	...	3.2	...
£304¼	£280½	Deutsche Bk	£287¼	-100	...	2.1	...
85	45	First Nat Fin	78	+6	...	...	...
1575	876	Fuji Bank Y	1575	+4	...	0.3	...
468	343	Gerrard Nat	444	+10	21.5	6.1	11.8
671¼	400	HSBC	639	+3	19.0	3.7	15.3
651	434	HSBC HK	627	+5	19.0	3.8	15.0
370	243	Hambros	353	-7	14.0	5.0	16.3
363	313	Joseph (L)	358	...	16.6	6.0	...
155	96	King Shaxson	136	+2	9.0	8.3	...
421	312	Kleinwort Ben	420	+6	16.0	4.8	14.6
590	492	Lloyds	577	-5	18.4	4.0	16.5
87	63	Lon Scot Bk	80	...	3.0	4.7	15.9
474	322	Nat Aust Bk	465	...	...	4.4	16.1
507	398	Nat West	491	-2	17.5	4.5	20.8
397	270	Provident	387	+2	11.4	3.7	16.8
47	39	Rea Bros	41	...	0.5	1.5	43.6
305	207	Ryl Bk Scot	292	-6	8.8	3.8	...
1035	487½	Schroders	1035	+25	...	1.3	20.6
852	576	Stand Chart	832	+2	20.0	3.0	...
204	145¼	TSB	201	+4½	6.4	4.0	...
169	78	Union Disc	169	+9	...	...	...
741	529	Warburg SG	736	+17	...	3.2	18.6
256	186	-do- 6% 'A'	252½	+3½	...	3.0	...
7850	4843¼	Wells Fargo	7712¼	+150¼	...	1.4	...
184	121	Westpac	179	+3	...	4.2	...
250	188	Wintrust	240	...	9.3	5.0	...

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	568	+4	...	4.7	15.1
647	441	Bass	473	-2	18.9	5.0	10.3
299	189	Boddington	266	...	7.3	3.4	15.5
429	362	Bulmer (HP)	429	...	10.1	3.0	...
159	120	Burtonwood Brw	135	...	4.7	4.4	...
372	261	Devenish (JA)	368	+9	7.8	2.7	20.7
105	75	Eldridge P 'A'	105	-1	...	3.0	27.3
68¼	50	Fosters Brewing	54	...	...	5.0	7.5
405	338	Fullr Sm 'A'	400	-3	7.4	2.3	17.1
480	383	Grand Met	415	+3	12.3	3.7	13.7
427	347	Greenalls Grp	383	-2	11.7	4.2	11.7
563	505	Greene King	543	...	12.3	2.8	...
516	437	Guinness	440	-3	...	3.4	15.7
281	230	Hardy Hansn	263	-2	7.9	3.8	14.6
125	105	Heavitree	112	...	3.0	3.4	26.7
100	78	-do- 'A' LV	100	...	3.0	3.8	23.8
342	255	Highland Distl	319	+6	6.0	2.4	21.2
3138	2538	Holt J	2900	-200	41.0	1.8	18.9
58	33	Hoskins Brew	56	...	...	...	40.3
323	250	Invergordn Dist	287	-2	...	3.3	15.2
186	157	Macallan-Glen	164	...	0.9	0.7	36.8
465	375	Macdn Martn 'A'	390	...	...	2.8	18.6
855	655	Mansfield	783	...	...	2.5	14.0
283	231	Marston Thmp	272	...	5.4	2.5	...
422	328½	Matthew Clark	421	...	...	5.1	...
300	253	Mrrydwn W	255	...	7.0	3.5	...
545	455	Morland	525	...	8.4	2.0	20.9
12	6¼	Paramount	10	...	...	2.1	17.7
166	145	Regent Inns	166	...	...	3.4	16.6
950	753	SA Breweries	920	+6	...	3.8	15.3
482¼	408	Scot & New	444	...	...	4.7	13.6
225	181	Tamatn Cider	204	-1	6.0	3.7	16.4
248	213	Vaux Group	236	+2	9.3	5.0	16.3
301	225	Wetherspoon JD	277	+2	...	2.2	22.4
512	435	Whitbread 'A'	501	+4	...	4.4	13.5
1180	850	-do- 'B'	1083	...	...	2.1	26.7
613	485	Wolvrhmptn D	495	+1	11.4	2.9	13.9
515	475	Young 'A'	480	-5	14.5	3.8	19.9

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
115	73	Abbey	119	...	...	1.2	39.7
27	13	Albrighton	18	...	...	...	...
123	87	Allen	115	...	...	5.4	26.1
99	65	Amec	84	-1	3.0	4.5	15.5
9¼	4	Anglia Sec	6	...	...	...	...
217	155	Ashtead	217	...	4.1	2.4	26.9
142	108	Attwoods	110	-4	5.0	5.7	15.8
240	180	BPB Ind	218	+1	...	4.3	37.5
89	57	Baggeridge Brk	75	...	3.1	5.2	25.2
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Cm	25¼	...	0.5	...	...
105	74	Barcom	100	+2	1.2	1.6	18.1
158	94	Barratt Devs	150	...	2.0	1.7	16.7
412	305	Bellway	371	...	...	4.0	21.5
32	15	Bellwinch	26	...	...	...	...
423	293½	Berkeley Gp	401	+2	...	1.9	25.1
83	45	Bett Bros	68	...	...	0.8	3.4
63	36	Blockleys	51	...	1.0	2.5	16.3
265	189	Blue Circle	256	+1	...	5.5	...
285	230	Boot (Henry)	276	...	5.9	2.7	15.4
106	78	Breedon PLC	89	...	4.6	6.5	21.5
121	82	Br Dredging	115	...	3.2	3.7	23.5
83	45	Brit Fittings	75	...	1.5	2.5	...
151	99	Bryant	130	+1	4.8	4.6	22.8
81	53	CALA	76	...	2.3	...	...
284	206	CRH	222	+2	...	3.4	17.3
43	21	Cakebread Rby	23	...	...	...	...
46	23	Costain	37	+1	...	...	...
138	86½	Countryside	129	...	...	4.0	34.1
70	38	Crest Nicholson	60	-2	0.0	...	...
94	28	Croslins	92	...	...	...	...
3¼	1½	Dunton	2½	...	...	...	...
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	16	...	0.5	3.9	...
260	178	Epwin	254	...	6.8	3.3	21.5
51	32	Erith	44	...	0.3	1.0	...
443	252	Eve Group	423	...	...	3.0	...
59	34	Evered Bardon	45	...	2.0	5.8	21.1
6¼	3½	Explaura	3½	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp	136	...	...	4.6	21.6
50	38	Galliford	41	...	4.3	...	16.5
78	52	Gibbs & Dandy	52	...	...	...	...
915	695	Gleeson (MJ)	913	...	12.7	1.7	14.8
122½	90	Hewden-Stuart	119	-½	...	3.4	27.0
51	28	Hewetson	46	...	...	3.5	33.4
311	186	Heywd Wins	308	-2	12.5	5.1	...
106	37	Higgs & Hill	90	+1	2.5	3.5	...
35	26	How Gp	26	...	...	7.2	...
19	15	Howard Hldgs	18	...	0.5	3.5	...
70	39	Ibstock Johnsen	65	...	1.0	1.9	...
19	12½	Jarvis	18	...	...	...	...
278	196	Laing (J)	269	...	9.0	4.2	10.8
83	55	Ln Clydesdale	79	...	4.5	7.1	29.7
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	17	...	...	...	7.7
320	240	Manders	315	...	9.0	3.6	19.3
143	93	Marley	140	-½	4.2	3.8	41.1
95	61	Marshalls	81	...	...	6.2	55.8
175	122	Maunders (J)	153	...	4.9	4.0	14.0
214	96	McAlpine (A)	199	-1	6.5	4.1	34.5
40	23	McCarthy & S	28	+1	0.5	...	...
388	272	Meyer Int	348	+1	...	3.6	34.8
128	62	Mowlem (J)	104	...	4.0	4.8	...
90	51	NSM	90	...	...	...	...
53	48	Needler	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
160	106	Newman Tnks	152	...	...	6.6	20.3
300	197	Persimmon	255	-1	8.6	4.2	26.0
31	20	Phoenix Timber	25	...	...	...	18.0
1625	1237¼	Pochins	1525	...	28.0	2.4	9.3
146	80	Poundng	110	-1	3.4	3.9	...
6¼	3½	Quiligotti	3½	...	...	...	...
796	555	RMC Gp	786	-7	...	3.2	30.9
117	79¼	Raine Ind	80	+1	6.0	9.4	13.4
37	20	Rimilis	32	...	...	...	...
519	402	Redland	488	-2	25.0	6.4	28.4
79	64	Rostel	79	...	4.3	6.8	11.6
296	207	Rugby Group	272	+2	6.6	3.0	20.8
42	23	Swift-Rvea	41	...	...	...	...
113	68	Sharpe & Fisher	110	...	...	4.5	19.1
182	86½	Sheffield Insl	182	+2	...	3.7	44.7
123	82	Sherif Hldgs	123	...	...	2.0	18.3
95	66	Shortco	72	...	...	9.0	16.4
228	196	Smart (J)	200	...	8.5	5.3	9.1
6¼	2½	Starmin	3½	...	0.3	10.7	...
142	103	Tarmac	139	+2	5.5	4.9	...
194	137	Tay Homes	155	...	5.8	4.7	9.9
118	63	Taylor Woodrw	114	...	1.0	1.1	...
618	433	Tilbury Dougls	583	+3	33.0	7.1	19.0
39	19	Torex Hime	37	...	...	1.4	...
246	168	Travis Perkins	223	...	8.0	4.5	39.3
40	30	Try Group	34	+2	1.0	3.7	9.6
28	26	Tudor	26	-2	...	1.2	...
74	41	Vibroplant	60	...	2.5	5.3	21.1
65	20	Ward Hldgs	48	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	30	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	440	...	...	3.4	19.0
26	8	Wescol	22	...	...	...	...
152	90	Westbury	134	+1	5.0	4.7	20.9
12	4¼	West Scaffold	7¼	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9	...	...	...	...
461	371	Wilson Bowdn	395	...	8.7	2.8	27.1
205	147	Wilson (C)	172	...	3.9	2.9	29.8
187	104	Wimpey G	169	-6	...	3.9	...
47	25	YRM	36	...	0.5	1.7	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	558	-2	...	...	...
228	108	Adam & Harvey	205	...	12.0	7.3	...
92	56	Air London	65	...	...	6.7	8.0
56	37	African Lakes	54	...	2.0	4.6	...
178	125	Anto Sec	160	...	...	4.1	28.7
123	84	BET Ord	121½	+1½	...	3.3	4.9
93	41	BNB Res	89	-1	...	7.0	...
318	258	BPP	289	...	8.0	3.4	16.2
285	200	Barbour Index	200	...	8.0	5.0	...
22	15	Boustead	20	...	0.7	4.4	...
265	184	Brit Data Mgt	231	...	...	2.2	19.3
35	11	Broadcastle	24	...	...	...	10.1
73	54	Brooks Service	58	...	...	...	...
104	86	CRT Gp	95	+2	2.8	3.8	...
178	139½	Capita Group	151	-12	...	1.7	23.4
45	31	Cashes Plc	41	-½	...	2.5	15.6
55	40	Chiltern Capital	50¼	...	...	...	...
51	26	Christie	45	...	...	...	...
326	228	Chubb Sec	326	+3	...	1.8	20.2
96	18	Comsec	80	+2	...	2.3	20.0
30	6	Corp Services	25	...	...	...	...
52	20	Coutts Cnslg	51	...	...	...	...
93	50	Darr	88	+1	3.3	4.7	11.9
231	198	Davis Service	225	-1	...	4.4	16.9
104	85	EW Facts	91	...	4.3	5.9	10.4
28	11	Gardiner	25¼	...	0.6	...	18.2
246	215	Hays	231	+2	4.6	2.5	22.7
220	174	Hogg Robinson	204	-3	...	4.0	14.9
70	38	Holmes Protectn	62	...	...	...	2.5
190	127	Hutch Whamp	177½	+2½	...	2.7	15.1
1975	975	ISS B DKr	1787½	...	...	5.9	2.5
677	519	Inchcape	543	+1	...	3.2	18.9
863	669	Johnson Clean	828	...	25.7	3.9	18.1
12	2½	Lep	9¼	...	...	...	...
244	173	Mitie Gp	231	+8	3.5	1.9	...
1197	803	Manpower	929	...	...	...	...
51	40¼	Michael Page	51	...	1.8	4.4	21.7
279	190	Penna	261	...	...	6.6	7.1
4¼	2	Prime People	3	...	...	...	...
142	80	Proudfoot Alex	112	...	...	13.4	6.2
423	345	RCO	345	...	12.8	5.1	11.7
118	101	RBA	101	...	4.0	5.0	...
103	43	Reed Executive	98	...	...	5.2	...
156	111	Reliance Sec	111	-10	...	...	...
238	178	Rentokil	197	...	2.3	1.5	24.6
265	220	Rolfe & Nolan	230	-5	...	4.1	12.4
309	334	Silvester (C)	337	...	...	2.9	18.5
35	26	Scott Pickford	26	...	...	3.8	...
343	164	Securiguard	309	...	...	4.2	18.0
6¼	5	Select Appt	5½	...	...	...	...
403	695	Serco Gp	975	...	14.0	1.8	27.0
352	220	Sherwd Cmpt	231	...	...	4.0	6.5
130	60	Stretchley	94	...	...	4.0	21.5
355	310	Warner Howrd	315	+1	6.5	2.6	16.4
45	27	Welpac	38	...	...	...	...
26	14	Wills Gp	23½	...	...	0.5	32.1

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	210	Allied Colloids	239	+2	...	2.2	21.0
838	613	Amersham	813	+8	...	2.1	28.1
7	2	Anglo Utd	...	...	...	3.2	...
£102¼	8325	BASF DM	£100¼	-9¼	...	4.5	17.9
283	199	BTP	260	...	...	4.6	...
£119	£101¼	Bayer DM50	£115¼	...	...	4.0	25.3
176	134	Blagden	140	...	9.5	8.0	18.1
165	43	Brent Chems	100	...	...	9.3	9.1
530	350	Br Bio-Tech	350	-3	...	...	...
24	12	Caird Gp	12½	...	...	11.3	34.7
157	126	Canning (W)	128	...	7.2	7.1	14.2
608	504	Courtaulds	535	+4	...	3.3	14.2
308	259	Croda	289	+1	...	3.4	18.9
...	121	Doeflex	138	...	4.6	4.2	10.6
152	175	Ellis & Everard	211	+2	7.0	4.3	...
219	16½	Euro-Colour	32¼	+½	0.8	3.1	19.9
309	250	Halstead (J)	309	...	...	2.4	15.5
241	194	Hickson	218	-1	...	4.6	20.2
£144	8850	Hoechst	£107¼	...	...	3.3	...
225	195	Holliday Chem	201	...	...	2.3	18.5
710	608	ICI	650	-9	...	5.3	...

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
688	576	Laporte	598	-2	19.5	4.3	16.5
223	181	Leigh	195	+1	...	5.2	18.3
97¼	35	MTM	44	...	...	...	...
1750	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1700	...	...	1.7	24.1
450	370	Panlon Tech	450	...	11.4	3.2	19.4
400	360	-do- 'A'	400	...	11.4	3.6	17.3
286	228	Plysu	233	-1	...	3.8	15.2
243	173	Porvair	243	...	3.6	1.9	26.0
14	7	Sutcliffe Speak	14	...	...	...	...
425	412	Wardle Storeys	412	...	16.0	4.9	16.6
490	395	Wolstenhlme R	475	...	17.0	4.5	16.2
401	330	Yorks Chem	350	-1	...	2.7	18.7
306	238	Yule Catto	293	+1	5.9	3.0	14.8
637	393	Zeneca	622	-4	...	5.5	39.7

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
487	399	East Midlands	479	+4	...	5.1	9.0
506	399	Eastern Elect	491	-1	...	4.9	9.8
356	305	Hydro-Elect	350	...	...	4.2	12.4
507	404	London Elect	501	...	...	4.9	11.1
559	458	Manweb	545	+1	...	4.8	7.9
533	429½	Midlands Elec	517	...	...	4.8	9.3
372	323	National Power	359	+2	...	3.7	10.9
554	440	Northern Elec	539	-1	...	5.0	7.8
141½	100	Nthn Ireland	141	+2	...	4.8	8.7
545	439	Norweb	538	-5	20.0	4.8	8.1
392	273	PowerGen	383	+2	...	3.4	10.1
337	285	Scottish Power	331	+2	...	4.3	12.0
544	436	Seeboard	542	+3	...	4.6	8.7
571	446	Sth Wales	568	-4	...	5.1	9.1
532	426	Sth Western	498	-5	...	5.0	12.0
508	406	Southern Elec	503	-1	...	4.9	9.2
552	455	Yorkshire Elec	529	-5	...	4.8	10.0

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60¼	50	Aitken Hume	50	...	1.0	2.5	...
105	47	SWD	104	...	...	3.8	16.2

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
90	26	Baltic Plc	89	...	...	1.4	...
495	413	Caledonia	495	...	...	3.8	18.4
1500	1075	Camellia	1400	...	...	1.1	5.2
288	243	Candover	283	...	10.2	4.5	20.0
117	71	Flemech	117	+3	...	0.5	...
306	155	Govett	304	+1	...	5.0	9.5
153	125	Ivory Sime	151	...	...	5.4	14.0
6¼	3	LIT	3¼	...	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12	...	...	...	...
217	154	Lon Forfaiting	215	...	8.4	5.0	15.2
62	47	Manakin	62	+1	...	...	...
12¼	7¼	Nat Home Loan	7¼	-½	...	...	...
50	40	Newmarket	50	...	...	...	...
285	248	Rathbone Brs	284	...	6.0	2.6	27.3
23¼	17	Rutland Tst	22	...	...	4.5	12.1
330	255	S & U	268	-1	10.0	4.7	...
70	48	Singer & Fried	67	+½	2.6	4.9	...
975	738	Sotheby's	788	...	...	4.8	...
143	83	SIP Capital	141	...	3.0	2.7	58.2
2275	1487¼	Amer Express	2275	+75	...	...	...
978	835	Henderson Ad	893	+5	...	5.9	20.6
147	92	Invesco	147	+2	...	2.6	78.7
230	164	Jardine Strat	213	+1	...	3.4	10.4
216	154	MAI	212	-1	6.0	3.5	15.4
549	389	MAM	548	+2	15.0	3.4	13.7
830	433	M & G	828	+2	...	3.2	22.0
270	109	Smith New Ct	254	-1	...	3.0	3.8
81	35	Trio Hldgs	75	...	...	5.0	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	456	AB Food	465	+2	14.0	3.8	20.6
77¼	53	ASDA Group	69¼	...	...	3.2	14.5
270	170	Acatos & Hutch	270	...	6.5	3.0	15.6
76	55	Albert Fisher	63	+1	3.7	7.4	10.5
407	287	Argyll	306	+3	...	4.5	11.3
147	117	Assoc Fisheries	124	...	8.0	8.1	...
218	160	Banks (S C)	218	+21	9.0	5.2	...
402	310	Barr (AG)	330	...	6.5	2.5	16.7
85	57	Bensons Crsp	69	-1	...	5.2	15.5
141	112½	Berisford Intl	129	...	...	...	...
455	357	Booker	393	-1	...	6.9	40.4
52	35	Borthwick	47½	-½	...	3.2	59.0
505	430	Brake Bros	499	...	6.2	1.6	20.8
51	38	Budgen	46	...	1.0	2.8	...
511	413	Cadbury-Schw	460	+4	...	3.6	17.1
107	76	Carrs Milling	107	...	3.9	4.6	21.4
196	156	Cranswick	187	+10	...	6.0	12.5
22	8	Cullens	17	...	0.5	3.7	...
384	150	Dalepak	156	-2	6.0	5.0	...
491	424	Dalgety	444	...	19.5	5.5	12.9
54	27	Daniels S	54	...	...	0.6	...
200	191	Devro	196	+2	...	3.5	18.6
134	99	Everest	101	...	...	4.3	14.0
339	269	Farepak	338	...	...	2.1	...
10	3	Faringford	7	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	68	...	...	7.6	22.6
125	78	Fyffes	100	...	...	1.6	16.6
483	328	Geest	349	-1	8.1	2.9	15.7
12	7	Global	11	...	...	5.7	17.1
45	43	Grand Central	44	...	1.2	3.6	...
203	147	Hazlewood Fds	192	...	...	4.3	10.9
171	131	Hillsdown	139	...	...	7.9	10.9
250	209½	Iceland Group	209	...	...	2.0	18.7
131	103	ILI Group	103	...	4.6	5.6	...
853	655	Kwik Save	664	-1	16.0	3.0	12.7
262	177	Low (Wm)	177	...	8.4	5.9	8.6
58	41	Matthews (B)	58	...	2.2	4.8	38.0
19¼	12½	Merchant Retail	15¼	...	1.1	9.3	30.2
174	124	Morrison (W)	137	...	...	0.7	17.8
568	443	Nichols (JN)	523	...	13.6	3.3	15.1
290	242	Nilan Foods	260	-2	...	4.0	12.9
22	13	Nthmbrn Fns	14	...	...	...	5.6
229	172	Nurdin Peack	209	...	...	3.7	12.0
250	205	Park Foods	224	...	6.0	3.4	...
115	78	Perkins Food	78	...	...	7.1	8.5
96¼	47	PizzaExpress	80¼	+½	...	0.8	46.3
9	1½	Regina Hldgs	4¼	...	...	...	...
584	426	Sainsbury J	468	-1	...	2.7	16.4
68	33	Sentry Farms	68	...	...	2.8	12.2
225	105	Sims Food	118	-2	...	7.9	22.7
439	357	Tate & Lyle	387	-3	12.0	3.9	12.2
273	195	Tesco	204¼	-½	...	4.3	9.5
211	123	Thorntons	142	...	3.6	3.2	13.2
183	101	Trema	150	...	...	3.0	17.0
375	300	Unigate	346	+1	...	5.8	11.4
437	340¼	Utd Biscuits	384	-5	...	5.3	18.8
25	20	Usborne	22	+1	0.4	2.3	13.5
337	248	Watson & Phil	270	...	13.3	6.2	14.1

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
16	12	Abutn Stk H	12	...	...	...	...
89	77	City Centre Rest	83	...	...	1.5	24.0
231	170	Forte	214	-5	...	4.4	16.8
230	155	Friendly Hotels	194	...	5.7	3.7	37.0
9¼	5	Harmony Leis	9¼	+1	...	...	...
110¼	87	Jurys Hotel	103¼	-1½	...	6.8	...
215	154	Ladbroke	180	+2	11.1	7.7	15.4
73	59	Mandarin Orntl	67	-1	...	4.7	18.0
59	44	Queens Moat	47¼	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
99	83	-do- 7½% cvpr	85	...	7.5	11.0	...
2¼	...	Regal Hotels	1¼	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	45	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
24	11½	Ryan Hotels	17¼	...	...	6.3	...
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	845	...	7.0	1.0	...
57	34½	Stakis	55	-1	...	1.0	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	97	AAF Inds	97	...	...	11.3	5.9
616	435	AAH	469	+1	...	4.6	15.1
177	140	AIM	177	...	7.5	5.5	...
132	88	APV	95	+3	...	7.1	...
233	81	ASW	231	+6	...	1.6	...
176	134	Adwest	175	...	7.0	5.0	24.9
28	10	Aerospace Eng	23	...	1.0	...	14.0
518	434	Airsprung	480	...	10.0	2.3	...
147	113	Alexdra W	145	...	3.8	3.3	40.1
13¼	7	Allied Radio	7¼	...	...	...	...
545	415	Alumasc	545	...	11.0	2.5	16.7
48	17	Alvis	39	...	1.0	3.2	8.0
475	345	Amber Ind	475	...	...	4.9	10.9
43	18	Amberley Gp	41	...	...	3.1	...
107	78	Amegan	78	...	...	...	...
145	100	Andrews Sykes	100	-17	...	5.7	...
940	703	Anglo Amer	940	+5	...	2.1	17.4
50¼	37	Armour	44¼	...	1.4	4.2	13.1
170	143	Ash & Lacy	151	...	6.4	5.3	15.4
3¼	2¼	Ass Br Eng	3¼	...	0.0	2.0	...
541¼	435	Avon Rubber	506	+1	...	4.1	20.2
243	168	Assoc Nursgs	240	+14	...	0.5	14.7
687¼	544½	Atlas Equip	650	...	...	4.2	16.3
61	35	Ayrshire Metal	53	...	...	...	...
172	147	BBA	162	-½	...	5.8	13.8
65	28	BLP Group	45	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	17	...	...	5.0	0.7
770	635	BOC	660	-3	23.2	4.4	14.5
79¼	62	BSG	67	+½	...	6.0	23.3
487	353	BSS Group	423	...	...	5.1	23.3
380	318	BTR	375	-2	...	3.6	21.4
221	158	BWI	158	...	6.7	5.3	15.2
41¼	31	Babcock	39¼	+1½	...	6.6	23.6
7¼	4	Bailey (CH)	6	...	...	...	...
289	240	Baird (Wm)	248	+1	8.9	4.5	17.2
1062¼	556¼	Barlow Rand	637¼	...	...	5.4	3.6
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	60	...	...	3.0	24.6
15	5	Beauford	7¼	...	...	...	...
8¼	6	Beckenham	6	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)	27	...	...	...	...
27¼	15¼	Benson Group	17	...	0.1	0.7	15.7
707	461	Bespak	512	-1	10.0	2.4	...
135	73	Bibby (J)	78	+1	9.7	...	4.8
312	129	Biliam (J)	259	...	5.0	2.4	13.1
41	21¼	Bilston Batsn	32	...	...	...	...
11¼	3¼	Bimec Ind	5	...	0.6	...	...
155	118½	Birkby	150	...	...	2.9	...
45	32	Black Arrow	41	-1	2.6	8.2	...

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993¼	1543¼	Alex & Alex	1687¼	-50	...	3.7	...
2225	1787¼	Am Gen	2037¼	-6¼	...	3.4	...
47	30	Archer (AJ)	41	+2	4.4	...	19.9
143	118	Bradstock	140	...	5.1	4.6	17.1
498	359½	Britannic	424	...	...	3.3	...
641	556	Com Union	613	-3	...	5.0	...
1570	1225	Dom & Gen	1558	...	...	1.4	25.7
33	18	FAI	30	...	...	...	...
649	546	Gen Accident	646	-2	26.7	5.2	...
206	160	GRE	199	...	7.0	4.4	16.5
370	293	Heath C E	363	+2	...	5.5	...
228	188	Hogg Gp	211	+1	8.1	4.8	19.1
218	164	JIB Group	213	...	7.5	4.4	21.6
465	408½	Legal & Gen	462	-2	...	5.2	28.1
1026	768	Liberty Life	1023	+3	...	2.8	17.7
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	418	+11	17.3	5.3	14.8
325	253	Lloyd Thomp	325	+4	5.6	2.2	23.9
366	274	Londn & Man	325	-2	14.2	5.6	23.9
420	321	Lowndes Lmb	420	+2	13.5	4.1	14.8
6743¼	5600	Marsh McLn	5825	+87¼	...	2.9	...
97	76	Orion	90	...	...	6.9	...
68	50¼	PWS	66	...	4.0	7.6	9.6
349	282¼	Prudential	310	-2	...	4.8	20.6
1138	800	Refuge	933	...	31.5	4.2	25.8
334	248	Royal	333	+4	...	2.4	...
202	153	Sedgwick	200	...	6.0	3.8	24.1
261	205	Steel Burrill	245	-5	...	0.8	14.5
87	48	Sturge Hldgs	82	...	8.2	...	6.3
387	307	Sun Alliance	375	+5	14.2	4.8	...
61	50	Trade Indemnty	56	...	...	...	...
321	239	Transatlantic	319	+1	12.0	4.7	28.6
773	490	Utd Friendly	635	+2	14.5	2.9	27.7
234	171	Willis Corroon	223	+1	...	3.7	47.9
20	13½	Windsor	18	...	...	...	14.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1708	1548	Alliance	1694	-4	45.0	3.3	37.1
260	226½	Amer Trust	254½	+2½	4.9	2.4	52.8
365	304	Ang & O'seas	364	...	6.8	2.4	46.2
139½	124	BZW Conv	131	...	7.8	7.4	15.3
166	133½	Bankers	165½	+1½	3.4	2.6	45.5
298	264	Baring Tribne	284	...	6.4	2.9	44.6
175	131	Berry Starq	174	...	2.2	1.6	56.6
106¼	96½	Br Assets	105¼	+½	...	5.1	25.8
74	57¼	Br Empire Sec	73¼	...	0.8	1.5	74.6
24¼	14	-do- Wnts	24	...	...	...	...
175	156	Br Inv	175	+4	4.5	3.2	39.4
167	130	Contl Asset	166	...	2.4	1.8	55.2
195	144	Derby Inc	153	...	16.6	13.6	9.2
260	195	-do- Cap	255	...	...	...	...
73	62	Drayton Blue	65	+1	8.4	16.2	7.2
76	35	-do- Eng Intl	69	-1	1.2	2.2	...
123	84	-do- Far East	122	...	0.6	0.6	...
122	95	-do- Korea	117	...	0.5	0.6	...
631	576	Dunedin Inc G	603	-1	25.4	5.3	22.7
634	513	-do- Wwde	623	+3	9.5	1.9	64.2
270	222	Dundee & Lon	268	...	...	4.2	24.7
277	250½	Edinburgh	276	-1	8.4	3.8	30.2
261	183	Electra Inv	258	...	6.7	3.2	35.2
173	141	Electric Gen	173	...	3.1	2.3	...
100	85	English Scot	100	...	...	...	...
266	205	European Asset	266	+1	...	2.9	31.9
106	77	Finsbury 'A'	105	-1	3.0	3.6	33.8
290	248	Fleming Amer	276	+4	0.7	0.3	...
206	190½	-do- Claver	205	+2	...	3.3	40.4
273	212	Do Cond	273	+1	2.7	1.2	...
185	147	-do- Emrg	183	...	4.7	3.3	...
301	213	-do- F East	297	+1	1.1	0.5	...
306	246	-do- Fledg	299	...	3.0	1.3	...
118	93	-do- Fl Inc	93	...	...	5.9	16.0
236	136	-do- Japan	232	...	0.3	0.2	...
271	250	-do- Merc	262	+2	6.7	3.2	56.1
262	212	-do- Oseas	260½	+½	4.0	1.9	62.2
237	203	Foreign & Col	235½	+½	3.3	1.8	64.1
220	164	-do- Eurotn	195	+1	1.2	0.8	...
111	87	-do- German	111	+1	0.5	0.6	...
280	191	-do- Pacific	280	...	1.9	0.9	...
152½	116	-do- Smaller	152½	...	1.8	1.5	77.1
233	145	GT Japan	230	-1	...	0.6	...
130	65	Genl Cons Cap	125	...	...	...	...
123½	96½	-do- Inc	111	+½	...	9.9	11.1
145	115	Govett Am Smlr	133	...	...	...	...
291	184	-do- Oriental	273	+2	0.9	0.4	...
260	207	-do- Strategy	250	...	...	3.4	34.5
376	340	Greenfriar	376	...	...	2.1	56.2
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
53	47	Independent Inv	52¼	...	0.6	1.4	...
134	124	Inv Cap	132½	...	5.1	4.9	26.4
95	77	IAS UK Smlr	95	+1	2.8	3.7	26.5
183	156½	Kleinwort Chrt	179	...	5.0	3.5	34.8
216	176	-do- O'seas	214½	...	3.3	1.9	60.9
127	108	-do- Smlr	122	...	4.0	4.1	29.6
609	540	Law Debenture	609	...	18.2	3.7	30.4
175	164	Majedie	175	...	...	3.4	33.9
249	221	Merchants	245	...	10.6	5.4	22.8

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5797¼	3700	Merrill Lynch	5750	...	...	...	...
445	383	Monks Inv Tst	445	+4	...	1.8	56.4
126	105	Morg Gren Inc	125	...	...	4.6	24.8
37	25	Do Warrants	37	...	...	...	...
47	39	Murray Euro	44	...	0.1	0.5	...
12	4¼	Do Wts	11¼	...	...	...	...
319	282	Murray Incme	319	+1	...	4.2	30.4
319	265	-do- Intl	307	...	11.4	4.6	27.7
337	263	-do- Small	337	+3	4.2	1.6	...
103	96½	-do- S/C Inc	97	...	...	14.0	9.2
104	73	-do- S/C Cap	104	+½	...	...	...
3050	2750	-do- S/C Uts	2950	...	...	4.5	...
147¼	142½	-do- S/C DP	146	+1	...	...	...
278	230	-do- Vent	277	...	...	4.6	31.9
82	56½	New Frontier	82	+½	0.2	0.4	...
85	66	Newthrog Inc	77	-1	6.7	11.0	14.4
304	249	O'seas Inv Tst	302½	-½	2.8	1.2	...
386	285	Pacific Assets	381	+8	1.1	0.4	...
291	187	Do Warrants	287	-10¼	...	...	...
8200	7650	Personal Assets	8150	...	...	2.5	48.7
156	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	149	...	1.1	1.0	...
123	108	River & Merc	114	...	9.2	10.3	11.1
396	350	Robeco	385	...	...	3.4	...
390	346	Rolinco	383	...	...	2.1	...
260	214	St Andrew Inv	260	...	7.5	3.6	34.8
148¼	131	Scot American	146¼	-½	...	4.0	30.7
209	136	Scot Asian	194	+2	...	...	...
435	225	do Warrants	415	...	...	...	...
74¼	63¼	-do- Eastern	74	...	1.5	2.6	48.6
205	183	Scottish	204	...	4.6	2.8	42.3
201	178	-do- Mrge	198	...	4.0	2.5	51.4
88¼	71	-do- Value	88¼	...	...	2.5	63.0
1505	1390	Second Allnce	1488	+3	36.5	3.1	40.0
84¼	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	83	...	3.2	4.9	27.4
143	109½	Selective Asset	143	+1	1.2	1.0	51.4
27	14	Sphere Inv	27	+1	3.1	14.8	8.5
145	112	TR Far East	139	...	4.5	4.0	30.5
140¼	126	TR City Of Lon	139¼	...	4.7	4.3	29.3
154	110	TR Pacific	143	+1½	0.3	0.3	...
27¼	17	TR Property	27¼	-½	0.9	4.1	28.8
70	47	TR Tech Inv	70	...	1.7	3.1	26.0
182	146	TR Smlr Cos	175	...	3.8	2.8	...
315	283	Temple Bar	314	-3	13.2	5.4	23.3
91	69	Thrmtn Asian E	86	+1	0.5	0.7	...
72	54	Throgmorton	71	...	2.3	4.1	28.7
493	363	Thrng Dual Cp	493	+5	...	...	...
208	178	USDC Invest	208	...	4.5	2.7	38.3
104	76½	Value Inc Tst	104	+½	3.6	4.3	26.2
609	542	Whitbread Inv	607	+3	16.5	3.4	36.6
200	181	Witan	199	...	5.6	3.6	34.4

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
362	269	Airtours	354	...	7.2	2.6	12.5
64	42	Ald Leis	62	...	4.7	...	17.8
357	194	Anglia TV	331	+1	...	3.5	15.3
103	63	Baldwin	63	...	3.0	6.0	8.6
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	229	...	10.0	5.5	14.8
1200	930	Boosey Hwks	1195	...	22.0	2.3	17.9
153	90	Border TV	136	...	...	3.1	...
16¼	4¼	Brent Walker	6¼	-½	...	...	...
58	48	Bristol Scotts	53	...	...	...	...
8	2½	Buckingham Int	5	...	...	...	...
292	110	Campari	138	...	...	10.9	...
198	171	Capital Radio	197	-1	5.2	3.4	22.7
818	718	Carlton Comm	740	-2	17.0	2.9	21.8
200	158	Castle Comms	176	...	...	6.0	16.1
2080	1615	Central TV	1970	+5	38.0	2.4	21.5
83	61	Chrysalis	69	...	...	...	...
580	470	Compass Gp	502	...	...	3.2	15.0
350	175	Eurocamp	176	...	9.7	6.9	7.3
1180	623	Euro Disney	663	-12	...	1.8	...
8	3¼	Euro Leisure	4¼	...	...	...	...
32¼	18	Ex-Lands	32¼	+1½	...	...	...
390	245	Fairline Boats	267	...	10.5	4.9	...
378	316	First Leisure	316	...	6.1	2.4	21.7
515	298	GWR Gp	505	...	...	1.7	26.0
239	149	Grampian	230	+2	6.1	3.3	15.9
6	4¼	Greenwich Comm	5	...	...	...	...
62¼	19	HTV Group	52¼	+½	...	...	23.3
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	50	...	...	5.0	...
12¼	5¼	Kunick	9¼	...	...	...	...
490	262	LWT CP	469	+2	...	1.3	21.7
475	327	Man Utd	433	+3	18.0	5.2	14.9
148	60	Owners Abrd	65	-1	3.5	6.9	5.1
66	33	The Pelican Gp	63	...	...	2.2	...
160	55	Prism Leisure	158	...	...	2.6	...
28	16	Quadrant Grp	27	...	...	...	...
318	274	Radio Clyde	295	...	...	3.6	23.1
178	132	Ramsdens (H)	175	-3	...	3.2	23.1
553	431	Scot TV	513	+4	9.9	2.4	25.2
60	37	Southern Radio	38	...	0.7	2.6	15.8
233	168	Stanley Leisure	229	...	4.3	2.4	...
10	5¼	Sunleigh	9	...	...	...	...
145	118	Sunset & Vine	120	...	3.5	3.6	14.0
420	345¼	Tanjong	345¼	...	...	0.4	...
2¼	1	Ticketing	2¼	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hot	101	...	...	...	3.3
78	44	Trans World	55	...	...	1.8	20.1
481	224	Ulster TV	468	+2	10.0	2.7	16.4
101	62	Vardon	94	+1	0.7	1.0	22.2
22	11½	Wembley	11½	-2	0.2	2.2	...
36	7¼	Whitegate	34	+1	...	...	...
215	110	Yorkshire TV	202	...	12.0	7.4	6.1
113	83	Zetters Gp	113	...	8.0	8.8	11.4

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5300	1800	Am Gold	5125	+25	...	4.1	24.7
1612¼	1018¼	Ang Am Coal	1531¼	-68¼	...	6.1	7.7
2187¼	1125	Ang Am	2187¼	+12½	...	3.2	18.0
30¼	8¼	Anglo Pac Res	28	...	...	...	...
125	33	Blyvoors	111	...	...	5.5	6.1
46	18	Bracken	35	...	...	...	2.0
871	233	Buffels	762	-22	...	8.5	...
2¼	1	Butte	2¼	...	...	...	...
684	346	CRA	622	-3	...	3.3	20.0
43¼	11	Cluff Res	36½	-1	...	...	...
1262¼	762¼	De Beers	1212¼	+6¼	...	4.0	16.3
157	37¼	Deelkraal	154	...	...	1.3	...
96	7	Doornfontein	74	+4	...	...	...
913	388	Driefontein	846	+11	...	3.6	...
709	120	Durban	604	-16	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	173	+1	...	6.6	4.9
180	62	E Daggs	167	+3	...	...	14.0
270	54	E Rand Prop	251	+8	...	...	...
538	117	Elandsrand	532	...	...	2.3	12.4
838	292	FS Cons	796	-21	...	6.4	9.5
66	8	FS Dev	65	...	...	...	...
1675	725	GFSA	1530	-12	...	2.6	24.1
180	125	Gencor	174	...	...	5.7	13.5
64¼	35½	GM Kalgoorli	55¼	+1	...	2.5	13.6
21	5	Greenwich R 'A'	18	...	...	...	...
187	49	Grootvlei	161	-13	...	6.4	9.6
360	78	Harmony	335	...	...	...	...
414	87	Harties	395	-16	...	4.9	...
14	8¼	Inmco	11½	...	...	...	...
1030	491	Impala Plat	939	+20	...	...	21.2
13¼	6	Kenmare Res	9	...	...	...	...
972	332	Kinross	972	+2	...	3.2	10.7
913	319	Kloof	820	+12	...	2.7	...
135	25	Leslie	116	-3	...	3.6	11.7
174	13	Loraine	171	+4	...	...	...
800	620	Lydenburg	800	...	...	...	22.9
116¼	81½	MIM	94½	-1	...	2.4	43.1
1261	820	Minorco	1161	+3	...	3.2	13.8
136¼	91	Nth Brkn Hill	126	+½	...	3.8	19.5
2150	610	Orange Free	2025	+25	...	6.5	15.5
709	607	RTZ	673	...	...	3.9	25.3
637½	425	Rand Mines	637½	+6¼	...	9.2	2.9
629	150	Randfontein	620	+25	...	4.8	...
192	115	Renison	165	...	...	2.7	16.0
1200	850	Rustnbrg	1068¼	...	...	4.3	16.7
585	191	St Helena	536	+4	...	4.6	10.8
1935	475	Southvaal	1935	+33	...	3.0	33.5
109	18	Stilfontein	100	+3	...	6.3	17.4
201	58	Unisel	146	-1	...	2.1	14.2
5325	1800	Vaal Reefs	5325	+112½	...	4.2	9.1
535	154	Welkom	515	...	...	6.5	15.2
335	26	Western Areas	335	+33	...	2.1	...
2437½	587¼	Western Deep	2287½	+21½	...	2.7	10.5
275	176	Wstrn Mining	258	+5	...	...	...
939	323	Winkels	938	...	...	1.1	7.7
84	56	Zambia Copper	62	...	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	65	-1	...	1.1	...

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	258	...	...	3.0	12.0
125	95	Airflow Stream	125	...	5.2	4.0	...
133	82	Appleyard	132	...	...	4.1	13.7
280	203	Blenchley Mtr	268	+3	...	...	...
152	120	Bostrom	151	...	6.0	5.0	26.7
429	165	Br Aerospace	416	-6	7.0	2.1	...
52	19½	Burndene	51	...	...	2.9	13.4
328	303	Caffyns	328	...	11.5	4.4	66.4
11	4½	Caverdale	10½	-½	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtr	133	+1	...	3.8	33.6
29	18	Cook (DC)	27	+1	...	2.8	...
255	156	Cowie (T)	248	+4½	6.2	3.2	18.9
110	86	Dag Motors	106	...	5.7	6.8	19.0
142	102½	Davnport Vern	139	...	...	3.6	17.6
282	155	ERF	280	...	2.0	0.9	...
131	92	European Mtr	129	...	3.5	3.4	...
329	208	Evans Halshaw	326	+2	11.2	4.3	50.2
280	226	FR Group	263	...	...	3.4	12.3
3650	2843½	Ford Motor	3431½	-87½	...	...	...
3243½	2143½	General Mtr	3150	-25	...	1.6	...
65	38	Gowrings	63	...	2.0	4.0	...
193	85	Henlys	175	...	3.0	2.1	...
875	680	Honda Motor	846	+7	...	0.7	...
30	15	Jacks (Wm)	28	...	...	...	...
106	66	Jessups	92	-1	4.5	6.1	...
151	97	Kwik-Fit	147	+2	...	2.8	26.3
398	281	Lex Service	393	-3	...	3.4	21.5
156	93	Lookers	154	-2	6.2	5.1	...
152	126	Lucas	145	...	7.0	6.0	...
27	21	Malaya Grp	23	...	...	...	...
274½	224½	Pendragon	255	+2	...	3.3	20.6
193	106	Perry Gp	175	...	6.0	4.3	...
170	108	Quicks Group	170	+3	...	3.3	21.7
153	99	Rolls-Royce	138½	-3½	...	4.5	...
198	164	T & N	197½	+1½	...	6.9	31.6
201	163	Trinity Hldgs	192	...	...	3.6	...
153	125	Vardy (Reg)	153	+1	4.2	3.4	...
235	121	Westland	231	-1	4.2	2.3	20.4

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	103	Adscene	140	...	4.0	3.6	14.9
340	315	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.5	5.0	...
608	423	Blenheim Gp	468	+18	...	2.4	17.4
370	275	Bristol	335	...	...	4.4	30.2
£102	7775	Daily Mail	9400	-25	130	1.7	21.2
£101¼	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9400	-25	130	1.7	21.2
305	251	Dorling Kind	286	-1	...	1.3	27.3
373	322	EMAP	334	-7	...	3.0	20.6
1113	823	Euromoney Pb	1053	...	28.5	3.5	23.7
237	170	Harrington E	212	...	4.5	2.7	17.3
383	237	Haynes Pub	383	...	6.0	2.0	16.5
355	345	Hodder H'line	345	...	5.0	1.6	28.3
140	99	Home Counts	99	...	6.0	7.6	...
132½	30	Intl Bus Comm	124	...	...	...	17.9
9	6½	Int Cm & Data	8	...	...	...	...
365	240	Independent	363	...	...	3.5	16.3
551	395	Johnstone Press	551	...	6.2	1.4	23.8
288	243	Metal Bulletn	284	...	8.0	3.5	20.1
167	86	Mirror Gp	154	+5	...	...	...
394	297	News Corp	394	+17	...	0.3	26.5
240	169	News Intl	224	+2	...	0.5	15.5
464	354	Pearson	457	-10	...	3.3	27.9
675	510	Portsmth Sund	628	-2	...	1.9	17.3
686	618	Reed Int	656	-1	...	3.2	28.6
148	98	Southnews	143	-2	...	1.8	28.4
162	90	Sterling Pub	158	...	...	2.4	17.1
401	328	Telegraph	382	+1	...	3.6	16.0
825	715	Thomson Corp	785	+10	25.4	4.1	...
378	313	Trinity Intl	372	-2	8.7	2.9	22.3
39	34	Unk Group	36	...	...	...	...
593¼	480¼	Utd Nwspprs	531	-3	...	5.1	15.7

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
35¼	17	Aran Energy	25¼	...	...	...	23.1
67	39	Arcon Intle	41	...	...	...	...
69¼	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	60¼	+5¼	...	...	...
83	26	Aviva Pet	73	+1	...	...	...
16	9	Beverley	12	...	...	...	...
183	145	Br Borneo	176	...	7.1	5.0	5.3
320	276	British Gas	305½	+7	14.2	3.8	14.8
326	225	Br Petroleum	299	-½	10.5	4.4	47.1
1¼	1	Bula Resources	1¼	...	...	...	...
757	675	Burmah Castrl	731	+15	...	4.3	17.1
65	32	Cairn Energy	59	...	...	...	8.4
288	223	Calor Gp	260	+1	...	6.0	20.8
60¼	32½	Clyde Pet	40	...	...	...	...
35	27	Coplex Res	35	+1	...	...	...
29½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	18½	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	455	+10	16.0	4.4	56.2
88	43	Exp Co Louis	43	...	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	23½	...	...	3.3	9.0
67	45	Goal Pet	57	...	1.4	3.1	10.9
44	18	Gt Western Res	38	...	...	...	...
163½	104½	Hardy O & G	147	...	...	0.9	13.7
40	18½	Kch Energy	42	...	...	...	...
195	133	LASMO	138	-3	3.3	3.1	27.4
103	63	-do- Units	79	...	9.4	15.0	...
24	13	Mid Scot Res	16½	+½	...	...	...

Top-right column (continuation of Oils, Gas)

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
47	34	Montcnerit	40½	+½	...	...	65.2
9¼	4	New London	5¼	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	28	...	1.0	4.5	9.7
38	27	Oil Search	31	+1	...	...	...
15	11½	Petroz	14	...	...	...	...
126	99	Pict Pet	123	...	...	...	17.1
29¼	18	Premier	24½	-½	...	...	9.0
115	50	Presidio	115	...	...	5.0	...
380	290	Ranger	318	-2	...	5.0	...
6350	5150	Royal Dtch Fl	6262½	+21½	...	5.2	14.7
4500	3600	Schlumberger	4312½	...	...	1.8	...
67	47	Seafield	55	...	...	...	...
637½	515	Shell	631½	+4	21.9	4.3	19.4
203	179	Sunrise Eng Sv	179	...	...	...	...
10¼	4¼	Teredo	6	...	...	...	3.9
41	21	Triton Europe	26	...	...	...	5.9
13¼	6½	Viliers Grp	12	-½	...	...	...
172	141	Woodside	148	-4	...	2.4	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
331	249	API	300	+3	7.5	3.1	26.1
195	144	Arjo Wiggins	182	+1	...	4.5	17.9
515	408	Abbott Mead	513	...	9.3	2.3	26.6
1¼	¼	Acsis Group	1¼	...	...	...	...
40	13	Aegis Gp	28	...	...	6.1	...
212	155	Aspen Comms	190	...	...	3.2	17.3
13	7	BBB Designs	13	...	...	...	...
375	234½	Bemrose	374	...	...	3.9	15.3
33	12	Birkdale	15	...	0.2	1.7	12.7
138	118	Bunzl	124	+1	4.0	4.0	18.7
289	257	CIA Gp	289	...	...	1.9	18.3
222	93	Capital Inds	209	...	...	1.9	20.0
79	44	City of Lon	75	+10	...	6.4	13.8
236	169	Cropper (James)	232	...	3.1	1.7	22.4
6	6	Crown Comm	6	...	...	...	...
92	51	Delyn Pckaging	91	-1	1.6	2.3	12.2
117	94	Dolphin Pack	105	...	4.5	5.4	25.9
63	42	Dudley Jenkins	63	+2	...	6.4	...
15¼	12¼	Elswick	12¼	...	...	2.9	19.5
73	41	Fairway Group	66	+2	...	6.0	19.5
323	271	Ferguson Intl	312	...	...	5.0	14.1
108	92	Ferry Pick	105	...	...	6.7	26.3
124	74	Filofax	118	...	...	1.3	15.1
20	14	Flich	15	...	...	...	...
107	69	Gibbon Lyons	107	...	...	5.8	...
295	247	Gold Greenless	287	...	8.3	3.7	...
41	20	Goodhead	24	...	0.5	2.6	...
88	35	Hunterprint	42	+1	...	...	...
185	136	Insiteurope	165	...	7.4	5.7	10.8
264	191	Jarvis Porter	247	...	...	2.4	...
32	15½	Lopex	29	...	...	...	...
299	175	More O'Ferrall	298	...	13.2	5.5	35.7
103	48	NMC Group	103	...	2.0	2.5	15.7
130	66	Osborne & Little	127	-1	...	4.5	15.9
517	455	Portals	478	-2	...	3.8	16.4
266	167	Quarto	255	...	5.3	2.4	14.9
347	288	St Ives Gp	288	...	5.2	2.3	19.6
185½	142½	Saatchi	163	...	...	...	...
474	333	Sappi	435	...	...	8.4	8.4
20	11½	Serif	18½	...	...	...	...
32½	14	Shandwick	24	+1½	...	...	...
380	294	Smith David	380	+10	10.0	3.4	...
295	214	Smurfit (Jeff)	232	+2	...	3.4	14.4
61	45	Sonic	61	...	1.5	3.1	...
246	183	Stat-Plus	230	...	8.0	4.3	20.5
25½	16½	Taylor Nelson	25½	...	0.3	1.5	21.4
66	38	VTR	65	...	...	6.5	18.5
93	40	WPP	88	+1	...	1.4	3.3
156	62	Wace	131	-7	...	2.1	...
230	203	Waddington (J)	230	...	...	4.3	17.2
723	540	Warmough	708	-1	11.5	2.0	27.8
7	4½	Westport	6½	+½	...	...	...
34	12	Whitney Mck	26	...	...	...	...
87	55	Wood (SW)	72	...	...	2.2	15.4

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
77	41	Allied Lon	76	...	3.5	5.8	65.0
63	58	Arcadian	63	...	...	...	...
91	52	Asda	91	...	...	2.9	9.6
139	88	Avonside	132	...	4.0	3.8	18.5
2637½	2062½	BCR	2275	+25	...	...	...
602	396	Billon	582	+5	18.9	4.1	21.0
74	23	Bourne End	70	...	1.0	1.8	...
219	150	Bradford	215	-1	5.4	3.1	21.8
23	5	Bredero	10	...	...	...	...
354	160½	Br Land	344	...	...	2.5	31.3
231	140½	Brixton	231	+1	...	4.5	18.3
72½	42	Burford	71	...	...	2.0	...
157	99	Cap & Regnl	155	...	...	0.9	...
185	120	Cardiff Prop	185	...	2.4	1.6	...
380	196	Chesterfield	380	...	11.0	3.6	22.2
33	12	City Site Ests	30	...	1.4	...	...
23	12	Clarke Nickolls	21	...	...	...	...
40½	10	Clayform	36	-½	...	...	...
50	34	Conrad Rhlat GS	45	...	...	1.4	...
1153	818	Daejan	1153	...	27.0	3.0	...
3¼	1½	Dares Estates	2¼	...	...	...	...
98	53	Debenham Twsn	82	...	3.0	4.6	...
12	4	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
141	76	Denora	131	...	3.0	2.9	...
498	263	Derwent Hldgs	453	...	8.6	2.4	56.5
55	25	Dwyer	53	...	...	...	...
260	170	Estates Agency	260	...	3.0	...	23.8
18	7¼	Estates Gen	18	-½	...	...	...
192	132	Evans Of Leeds	192	+1	...	3.0	17.0
29½	11	Five Oaks	29½	...	...	...	...
60	30	Fletcher King	58	...	1.0	2.2	...
422½	276½	Frogmore	401	+6	...	4.7	23.3
200	97	Grainger	187	-2	5.2	3.5	41.8
199	116½	Gr Portland	192	...	...	6.5	18.4
28½	7½	Greycoat	20½	...	5.2	...	...
146	101	HK Land	139	+1	...	4.7	19.0
75	35	Hambro Cntryd	60	...	...	...	...
387½	257½	Hammerson	363	+4	10.0	3.4	36.7
663	248	-do- 'A'	333	+3	10.0	3.8	33.7
241	127	Helical Bar	240	...	...	4.2	...
31	19	Hemingway	30	...	...	...	...
132	56	Herring Baker	57	...	3.7	8.2	14.3
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
624	435	Land Sec	624	+5	22.8	4.6	18.8
99	73	Lon Merch Sec	98½	+2½	3.8	4.8	15.7
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	3½	...	...	...	...
475	315½	MEPC	470	+1	...	5.3	20.2
9	5	McInerney A	9	...	...	...	...
130	90	McKay Secs	124	+4	6.7	...	20.4
7¼	3	Markheath	6	...	0.5	...	...
49	12	Merivale Mre	40	...	1.0	...	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5	...	...	...	...
40	29	Moorfield Est	38	...	...	...	...
1200	775	Mountview	1100	...	20.0	3.3	10.9
146	112	Mucklow (A&J)	145	+1	5.9	5.1	20.4
46	30	Olives Prop	37	...	1.5	5.1	...
10¼	3¼	Ossory Est	5¼	...	0.1	...	1.6
135	88	PSIT	132	...	4.1	4.0	...
250	138	Peel	249	...	4.0	2.0	...
16	7	Power Corp	7	...	...	...	0.7
41	22	Property Trust	34	...	...	...	...
3	1½	Raglan	1½	...	...	...	...
29	11	Regalian	18½	-1	...	...	...
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	130	...	1.5	1.5	34.5
57	16	St Modwen Prp	36	...	0.6	2.1	22.2
70	39	Savills	56	...	1.0	2.3	...
82	34	Scot Met	77	...	1.5	...	...
98	59	Shaftesbury	96	...	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	10	-½	...	...	...
235	139½	Slough Estates	235	+1	...	4.3	16.4
82	56	Southend Prop	64	...	4.2	8.7	...
28	16	Stanhope Prps	21	...	...	...	...
177	114	Tops Ests	173	...	2.1	1.5	61.1
116	79	Town Centre	113	...	3.1	3.4	21.1
77	43	Trafford Park	77	...	2.5	4.2	20.8
66	3	UK Land	11	+1	...	...	...
6	4	Union Square	5	...	...	...	...
243	180	Warner	238	...	10.5	5.5	21.7
302	168	Warnford	188	-2	7.5	5.1	13.4
8	2½	Waterglade	3	...	...	...	...
78	35	Wates	74	...	0.7	1.3	...
76	40	Wood John D	67	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagic	16	...	...	...	...
157	86	Headlam	153	-1	...	2.2	33.7
500	315	Lambert	315	-5	13.0	5.2	7.7
100	52	Pittards	52	-1	2.0	4.8	14.9
30	20	Strong & Fisher	27	...	1.0	4.6	7.5
187	89	Stylo	185	...	...	2.1	69.6
55	53	UK Safety	55	+1	...	23.8	1.8

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
508	408	Allied Text	502	-2	12.6	3.2	16.0
69	54	Beckman (A)	63	...	4.7	...	12.5
33	21	Bolton Gp	29	...	...	...	14.8
170	141	Br Mohair	170	...	8.5	6.2	15.9
53	15	Charnwell	40	...	...	...	...
345	298	Claremont Ga	332	...	7.2	2.7	20.7
601	522	Courtauld Text	542	-1	13.6	3.1	14.8
53¼	24½	Cupid	30	...	...	...	...
248¼	205	Dawson	212	-1	...	5.3	16.1
33	22	Drummond	32	...	...	...	...
37¼	22	Dunkeld	28	...	...	...	...
74	65	Faupel	74	...	...	8.3	...
34	15	Foster (John)	19	...	...	...	...
133	82	Gaskell	116	...	4.2	4.6	...
198	156	Hicking Pntcst	191	...	...	2.6	14.8
59	45	Jerome (S)	54	...	...	...	...
365	249	Lamont	332	-1	12.0	4.5	22.0
506	353½	Leeds	469	-1	...	2.0	22.6
42	15	Lister	37	...	...	0.1	0.3
122	78	Lyles (S)	88	...	...	4.9	7.0
180	89	Magellan	156	...	...	1.4	1.1
158	69	Parkland 'A'	131	...	...	2.0	1.9
102½	82	Readicut	92	...	...	...	4.7
53	35	SEET	40	...	...	...	...
101	72	Sirdar	98	...	5.1	6.6	17.2
72	44	Stirling Gp	65	...	1.8	3.6	15.6
51	37	Stoddard	45	...	...	4.2	41.8
312	250	Tomkinsons	300	...	11.5	4.8	25.9
62½	32½	West Trust	37	-2	...	8.4	...
208½	126	Yorklyde	189	...	...	3.4	12.4

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
507	407	BAT	465½	-4	...	5.3	13.1
743	584½	Rothmans 'B'	671	+½	11.5	2.1	13.3

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
441	349	Assoc Br Ports	413	-2	...	2.6	...
813	707	BAA	764	+6	...	2.6	19.0
330	249	Br Airways	326	-1	...	4.1	17.9
106	56	Clarkson (H)	83	...	1.5	2.3	...
28	23	Davies Newman	23	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	444	+10	...	...	...
52	44	Fisher (James)	49	...	1.0	2.6	13.2
160	126	Graig	155	...	...	0.8	...
200	147	IoM Steam	198	...	...	5.1	10.4
34	24	Jacobs (JI)	29	-1	0.5	2.2	...
84	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	79	...	...	1.6	15.4
2775	1262½	Manchstr Sh	2775	+125	4.5	0.2	15.1
384	280	Mersey Docks	364	+5	7.5	2.6	23.3
244	181	Natl Express	244	+9	...	3.6	17.5
248	230	NFC	234	-2	6.5	3.5	17.7
302	244	Ocean Group	293	-1	...	6.1	24.3
65	40	Ocean Wilson	59	...	4.0	8.5	10.7
648	504	P & O Dfd	643	-3	...	5.9	34.9
152	127	P & O 5½%	150	...	...	4.6	...
558	448	Powell Duffryn	532	-1	...	5.3	20.6
141	117	Seacon	138	...	...	4.6	8.7
141	112	Stagecoach	140	...	...	3.4	...
43	34	TIP Europe	42	...	1.4	4.2	10.2
60	31½	TNT	56	...	...	...	...
765	634	Tibbet & Britn	708	+10	11.8	2.1	27.1
382	173	Tiphook	234	-1	19.3	11.0	...
298	227	TDG	246	...	9.5	4.8	...

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
553	455	Anglian Water	476	+2	...	5.5	9.7
652	547	Northumbrian	567	-1	...	5.0	5.8
533	431½	North West	466	+2	...	5.7	8.3
533	439	Severn Trent	476	...	...	5.5	7.0
554	454	Sthrn Water	490	-3	...	5.4	8.2
1469	1225	Sth Staffs	1463	...	47.0	4.0	10.4
569	465	South West	500	-3	...	5.9	8.2
563	454	Thames Water	477	-1	...	5.5	9.3
612	506	Welsh Water	543	...	...	5.4	5.5
649	536	Wessex Water	574	+1	...	4.7	6.6
503	473½	Yorkshire W	486	...	...	5.5	8.3

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
100¼	99⅝	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	5.69
106¼	101½	Treas 13¼% 1993	102	...	13.41	5.50
102	101	Treas 8⅓% 1994	101	+⅛	8.38	5.40
109	105	Treas 14½% 1994	105	...	13.78	5.48
109	105	Exch 13½% 1994	105	...	12.77	5.45
105	103	Treas 10% 1994	103	+⅛	9.64	5.44
110	107	Exch 12½% 1994	107	+⅛	11.67	5.45
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	104	+⅛	8.64	5.56
111	108	Treas 12% 1995	108	+⅛	11.02	5.66
96½	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	96½	...	3.10	4.94
109½	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	108	+⅛	9.47	5.79
116½	113½	Treas 12¾% 1995	114½	+⅛	11.16	5.97
120	117	Treas 14% 1996	117	+⅛	11.88	6.12
125	121	Treas 15¼% 1996	122	+⅛	12.47	6.30
120	116½	Exch 13¼% 1996	117	+⅛	11.28	6.29
111½	108	Conv 10% 1996	110	+⅛	9.05	6.39
122	118	Treas 13¼% 1997	120½	+⅛	11.01	6.58
113½	110	Exch 10½% 1997	112	+⅛	9.36	6.56
108	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	107	+⅛	8.13	6.59
132	127	Exch 15% 1997	129	+⅛	11.59	6.86
112½	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	111	+⅛	8.77	6.80
103½	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	102	+⅛	7.09	6.66
101	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100	-⅛	6.74	6.08
129½	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	127	+⅛	11.02	7.22

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
138	133	Treas 15½% 1998	135½	+⅛	11.41	7.05
122½	118	Exch 12% 1998	120	+⅛	9.93	7.18
112½	108	Treas 9½% 1999	110	+⅛	8.56	7.04
124	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	122	+⅛	9.98	7.27
117	112	Treas 10½% 1999	115	+⅛	9.08	7.17
117	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	115½	+⅛	8.88	7.21
110	106	Conv 9% 2000	109	-⅛	8.21	7.18
131	125½	Treas 13% 2000	129	-⅛	10.05	7.51
115	109	Treas 10% 2001	114½	-⅛	8.74	7.49
114	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	114½	-⅛	8.53	7.57
104¼	97	Treas 8% 2003	103½	+⅛	7.70	7.47
116	109	Treas 10% 2003	116	+⅛	8.58	7.64
122	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	121	+⅛	9.47	7.74
75½	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	75	+⅛	4.63	6.69
113	105½	Conv 9½% 2004	113	+⅛	8.40	7.75
113	105½	Conv 9½% 2005	113½	+⅛	8.39	7.78
131	124½	Treas 12½% 2003-05	131	+⅛	9.52	7.99
102½	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	101½	+⅛	7.86	7.81
125	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	125	+⅛	9.39	7.98
106	97	Treas 8½% 2007	105	+⅛	8.02	7.81
139½	131½	Treas 13½% 2004-08	139	+⅛	9.71	8.01

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
110	101	Treas 9% 2008	110	+⅛	8.15	7.84
104	92	Treas 8% 2009	101	+⅛	7.89	7.87
110	100	Conv 9% 2011	110	+⅛	8.14	7.91
110	100	Treas 9% 2012	110	+⅛	8.13	7.91
79	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	78	+⅛	6.99	7.66
99	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	99	+⅛	7.80	7.92
101	93	Treas 8% 2013	100	+⅛	7.93	7.92
138	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	138	+⅛	8.67	8.12
108	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	108	+⅛	8.05	7.94

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
43	38	War Ln 3½%	43	+⅛	8.02	...
31	27	Treas 2½%	31	+⅛	7.94	...

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
134	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	134	+⅛	...	1.02
199	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	197	+⅛	1.85	2.70
109	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108	+⅛	2.24	2.87
167	159	Treas IL 2% 2001	167	+⅛	2.74	3.11
164	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	164	+⅛	2.89	3.19
111	105	Treas IL 4⅛% 2004	111	+⅛	2.95	3.24
171	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	171	+⅛	3.02	3.25
156	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	155	+⅛	3.18	3.39
161	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	161	+⅛	3.22	3.41
132	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	132	+⅛	3.27	3.44
141	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	141	+⅛	3.34	3.50
136	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	136	-⅛	3.39	3.53
113	102	Treas IL 2½% 2024	113	+⅛	3.40	3.53
113	103	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	113	+⅛	3.40	3.53

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Hope of new roads 'doomed if all risk is on private sector'

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW rail links and roads that are vital to Britain's competitiveness will never be built unless the government abandons efforts to push all the risk on to private-sector investors, according to a study by Ernst & Young consultants.

The study report calls for a policy rethink in the interests of traveller and taxpayer alike. The government must play the role of developer, defining the project and obtaining planning and environmental consents, before seeking private-sector funds, it says.

Richard Haydocks, of Ernst & Young's London corporate finance department, said: "It is our belief that the government won't get private funding into infrastructure projects unless it gets out and mends its ways."

The conclusions from one of Britain's most respected financial consultancies will deepen scepticism over government strategy for new road and rail links.

Key projects including the Channel tunnel rail link, and the London schemes of Crossrail and the Jubilee Line extension have yet to get under way in spite of commitments by ministers over several years. "It is no use announcing a project and hoping that it is going to proceed through some miraculous process," Mr Haydocks said.

Unveiling the Ernst & Young study yesterday, Mr Haydocks ridiculed government efforts to push Union Railways, the state-owned company set up to build the Channel tunnel rail link, into the private sector before the project was properly defined.

"The link is just a line on a map," he said. "No one even knows where the stations are going to be. It is half-baked. No one in the private sector is going to buy that."

Mr Heydocks said: "If the government carries on as it is, it won't attract any new finance into infrastructure."

Ernst & Young says that simply inviting the private sector to identify a transport need and propose a solution loads far too much risk on private consortia, leads to money being wasted on competing studies and fails to ensure the best combination of developer, contractor and operator.

The report says that the government should bring a project to launch stage, break the bidding process into elements, and raise private cash via a purpose-formed company that can assume responsibility for its operation.

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Pilkington chief takes over at troubled offshoot

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

PILKINGTON is sending Rodney Stansfield, its chief executive, to head its troubled American offshoot, Libbey-Owens-Ford. Two months ago, the US company dismissed three top executives amid allegations of fraud, conspiracy and bribery.

Mr Stansfield, 54, has been with the glassmaker for 27 years and chief executive since 1990. He takes over as president and chief executive of Libbey-Owens-Ford on September 1.

The American company sacked Ronald Skeddle, its chief executive, and two executive vice presidents, Darryl Costin and Edward Bryant, on May 11 and later alleged in court documents that the three executives together with Clarence Martin, an Ohio university professor, and John Purser, a former Pilkington executive, conspired to create a company called Computer Technology Management to handle the entire data information of Libbey-Owens-Ford. It claims the three executives and their colleagues then sold the data processing services and leased robots to the glassmaker at inflated prices, and also bought gas and oil wells from the company at prices below market value. Libbey-Owens-Ford said the Computer Technology Management controlled "the central nervous system" of Libbey-Owens-Ford's customer ordering, accounts payable, transport, stock control and payroll.

Libbey-Owens-Ford also alleges that more than $3 million was paid to Mr Martin in bogus consulting fees. Lawyers for the three former Libbey-Owens-Ford executives have described the charges as "only allegations". A lawyer for Mr Martin said that the charges were "incorrect." Mr Martin and Mr Purser have filed a motion in a Columbus court seeking the dismissal of the charges.

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Three views on the importance of professional ethics

Changing style and emphasis to regain a lost reputation

BY ANEIRIN SION OWEN

THE accounting profession has had a difficult time in recent years. The recession raised many questions about the quality of our work. However, we responded quickly with a number of valuable initiatives: FRC, the Cadbury Committee etc, but the profession has yet to fully regain the reputation it once enjoyed. We must redouble our efforts.

To regain our reputation we must recognise that opinions and beliefs in society are changing. While our ethical and technical principles do not change, we must be ready to adjust the style and emphasis of our work accordingly. If the profession is seen to be alert and responsive, our reputation can be fully restored. Recent events have accelerated the pace of change. We need to take stock of emerging opinion and consider the implications.

This agenda captures a number of inter-related factors. However, one theme is common: the profit motive needs to be tempered by a strong moral code. What the new agenda represents is a consensus that the radical individualism of the 1980s was an economic success, but that it was a mistake to allow the moral code to be superseded.

It was a mistake, because the moral code prevented conflict between individuals from escalating and damaging the systems as a whole. The essence of the code was that all individuals would abstain from violent and anti-social behaviour and might at times behave in a way beneficial to others.

What society is looking for in the 1990s is a return to a recognised distinction between right and wrong. A strong moral code that curbs violence and sustains economic growth. The idea of conducting business (and the wider society) on the basis of a moral code is exactly the idea which forms the foundation of our profession.

Accountancy is based on the notion of serving society through honesty, integrity and objectivity. Our Mission Statement (Accountancy, April 1993, page 113), the publication of which could not have been better timed, focuses our attention on this simple fact. Our strict ethical guides provide the basis for achieving this mission. Strong ethical codes, like ours, are exactly the type of clear moral statement that the public yearn for.

Because society is moving towards the idea on which our profession is based, the opportunity clearly exists for accountants to recapture the enviable reputation they once enjoyed.

The new agenda is the chance that we have been waiting for. To achieve this we must be willing to promote vigorously the aims and objectives of the profession. We need to ensure that our Mission Statement and Ethical Guidelines are widely understood and appreciated. The business community is where we have to make the biggest impact.

In recent years standards of conduct amongst businessmen have deteriorated. The single most common complaint is slow payment. One small businessman told me recently that most of the cash he receives from debtors is as a result of issuing County Court judgments.

This is not an environment in which business can thrive. On the contrary, unless some stability and sanity returns, small businesses will continue to contract. We need to ensure that the image we portray to the business community is one where honesty and integrity are emphasised. It would benefit the profession greatly if we could be seen to be leading the way in this area. To date the problems that we face have been tackled by a small minority of accountants from the top echelons of the profession. Their initiatives have been successful, but we have yet to see a response from the membership as a whole. Only by harnessing active support from the majority of individual members can we expect to fully regain our reputation.

Temple of virtue? the Institute of Chartered Accountants

Therefore, it is essential that as many members as possible play an active role in cultural, political, religious, educational and charitable life. Through these activities we can demonstrate to a wider audience the high standards that we work to, as well as our commitment to the service of society. This enhances our professional image while improving the quality of life of the nation.

As for the media, the trend will be towards greater control. Already the government is moving to ban a European satellite television station.

As the new agenda puts pressure on other businesses, managers will need to exercise good judgment in the face of commercial pressures. Accountants are ideally suited to this role because we have extensive experience in balancing these contradictory forces. We should be ready to exploit any opportunities that arise in this area.

On the question of punishment, it is essential that we are seen to come down hard on transgressors. Nothing damages our reputation more than flagrant abuse of accounting standards. The work of the Financial Reporting Review Panel needs to be publicised as widely and vigorously as possible.

The debate about technical standards will continue to rage. We must be careful not to allow the technical side of our work to eclipse its broader responsibilities.

The Institute must not be thought of as a technical workshop. Rather, we need to ensure that in the minds of the public, the accounting profession is associated with the highest standards of honesty, integrity and objectivity, as well as the highest degree of competence.

By raising our profile in all of these areas we can expect to greatly enhance our reputation. We must ensure that we act as leaders in business and society. We should be fiercely independent and a positive force for good. It is up to every individual member to play his, or her, part.

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Court battle polishes disciplinary image

THE battle over who was to blame in the debacle of Bank of Credit and Commerce International is likely to last until well into the next century. This week's court action, which resulted in Price Waterhouse failing to get the English ICA's investigatory dogs called off the hunt, however temporarily, is but one of the litigation issues that are currently enriching the lawyers. But it is a revealing action. The accountancy profession is not used to having its main professional body and one of its premier firms arguing their way through the courts.

That seeming embarrassment should actually do the public image of the profession some good. For years the profession's critics have argued that everything is sorted out behind closed doors, with the old boys of the profession's networks rapping knuckles or raising eyebrows. Not any more. The central part of the profession's disciplinary processes is now allowed to investigate firms as entities rather than, as in the past, merely the partners involved as individuals. And the profession's senior disciplinary body, the Joint Disciplinary Scheme, has this week shown its muscle over Price Waterhouse.

It is probably about time. The JDS, as it is known, came into being after the leaders of the profession were called in by the government in the wake of audit scandals in the late 1970s and given a fortnight to get a plan off the ground for a tough scheme to investigate and discipline public interest cases. A chastened profession worked hard and the JDS has been in existence since the mid 1980s. It has not been as effective as the public might have liked. Too often it has been forced to rake over the embers long after a trade department investigation has been published and the main culprits sent to jail. Essentially the line that Price Waterhouse took to try and delay the profession's JDS investigation was that the investigation would prejudice the firm's position in all other pending legal cases. But the BCCI case is different.

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There are numerous examples of litigation pending against Price Waterhouse, which was the auditor of the central BCCI company. In some of the cases, depositors are seeking redress. In others, the BCCI liquidators are seeking redress. In one case, which ought to embarrass the profession, both Price Waterhouse and Ernst & Young, the former auditor at BCCI, are suing each other. And there are a variety of cases in America.

The crucial point Price Waterhouse argued was that an adverse decision by the JDS could affect the deliberations of a jury. The judgment is admirably clear. "There is no prospect of a jury trial in England", the judge stated, "and there is not pending any such trial in the United States. I do not regard the possibility of a jury trial in California or (perhaps) Texas as being sufficient to found a present assertion of a real risk of injustice".

Equally, Price Waterhouse argued that the firm's partners would not be able to defend themselves without breaking the age-old bond of client confidentiality. Last year, Price Waterhouse did manage to break that bond when the firm itself sought an order to enable it to provide the Bingham enquiry into the Bank of England's role in the BCCI affair with some documents. This time they fought on the other side.

Price Waterhouse argued that to comply with the JDS's requests, they would have to go through numerous applications to the court and these "would inevitably be expensive". This week's judgment blew that one out of the water as well. The "perception of difficulty is one applicable to any auditor whose conduct is under investigation", said the court. The difficulty is an obvious one and will be apparent to the committee of enquiry.

The judge noted: "I do not see this inevitable difficulty as a ground for staying the enquiry until such time as the documents will have been produced in the various pieces of litigation. Production will destroy the constraint of confidence, but this uncertain future event is no ground for not proceeding now".

Another delaying tactic was also dismissed. Price Waterhouse had argued that now that the JDS has appointed an executive counsel, Michael Chance, the case should be heard before him rather than use the old system, under which the enquiry has thus far been progressing. This too was rejected. Sticking to the old system does, through a quirk of timing, allow much more information from the Bank of England to be available. And much work has already been done which would have had to be redone. Mr Chance derives much kudos from this. Price Waterhouse had argued that he was behaving irrationally to stick to his guns. The judgment states that "the executive counsel's decision does not come within measurable distance of being irrational. For what it is worth, my opinion is that the decision was eminently sensible in the circumstances".

In the end it really comes down to whether the profession's JDS system is allowed to have credibility by producing reasonably speedy judgments. The court had heard that "it seems very likely that the applicants (Price Waterhouse) will be involved in litigation at trial until the turn of the century and beyond". Had Price Waterhouse won this court battle, as the judgment states, "it would effectively abdicate the institute's function as the principle regulator of auditors and would fail to deal with the public concern at the audit of BCCI".

That is where the real arguments within the profession should lie. Instead of accountants funding lawyers until kingdom come, a firm like Price Waterhouse should accept its responsibilities, even when it believes it is being unjustly put upon.

The firm is a leading part of the accountancy profession. It should not allow itself, in whatever harsh circumstances, to be seen as undermining the profession's premier regulatory body.

Don't be obsessed with other services of auditor firms

BY MICHAEL FOWLE

THE latest Big Six fee income statistics showed definitively how important auditing is to auditors. In recent years, the cry from some mistaken commentators (and from some in the Big Six, who have no right to be mistaken) was that auditors cut fees to obtain new audit work as loss leaders for their consulting practices. This assertion is nonsense. Auditing is our core business and it is a pretty poor businessman who treats his core business as a loss leader.

Why are some so obsessed with auditors' other services? The issue is one of assertion, not evidence. In perhaps four or five DTI reports out of the 100 or so published in the past 40 years has there been any suggestion that the auditor's non-audit work may have contributed to bad auditing.

Every auditor knows that undertaking non-audit work for an audit client has the potential for conflict of interest. The professional auditor recognises and manages the conflict. Almost all business judgments are made in the face of conflict. The long term reputation of the auditor is far more important than the short term gain of some tax or consultancy work. Some comment implies that non-audit services are a recent development. This may stem from a misconception that auditors primarily supply management consultancy services as an extra to audit clients. This is no more true than it ever has been.

Is it objectionable for the auditor to advise when directors want advice on the appropriate level of dividend, when the chairman is concerned about one of his executive directors, or when a company needs a tax adviser and tax agent and cannot justify in-house expertise? The law requires auditors to provide some non-audit services, such as reports related to share capital transactions. In many other cases, companies' and shareholders' interests are clearly served by auditors providing services beyond the statutory audit, such as reports to regulators of financial companies.

Auditing is not a static business. Like any other service, it must react to the needs of the market. The first auditing firms were small accounting partnerships, but as their clients grew, they too had to grow, to expand around the world, because client companies needed the independent audit service expanded around the world.

Auditors provided corporate tax services because clients needed high quality tax compliance and consultancy services and there was no one else in the market providing it — which irritates the legal profession to this day. We moved into management consulting because clients needed the financial management advice we could provide from an accountancy background.

Auditing has developed too — as anybody whose career has spanned 30 years as an auditor of PLCs will know. What has not changed, in my firm and many others, is the auditor's obsession with integrity and independence, or the knowledge that every other service provided to a corporate client is subordinate to the audit service and can never be allowed to interfere with it.

Auditing has changed because the business and legal environment has changed. Client companies do business in a world shrunk by technology, where decisions have to be made faster and where supporting information is voluminous, requiring greater analysis. Expectations are also greater, whether held by shareholders, investors, journalists or especially lawyers.

One growing theme is that auditing is too important to be left to mere accountants. Auditors do have to ensure that their client companies' financial statements comply with applicable laws and standards, yet auditing is no mere compliance service. It requires understanding and judgment, needing skills and experience in many fields. Within a few years, the auditor of an insurance company lacking the skills of an actuary within the team will be taking a grave risk. Auditing is a broad skill — not merely ticking numbers and signing a report. So it is strangely perverse that there should be cries that auditors should now be restricted to pure financial auditing and not be permitted to provide any other services to their audit clients.

How would auditors then develop the range of expertise needed to undertake audits? Financial statements are about accounting, so the skill of the qualified and, more importantly, able and experienced accountant, will always be the integrating skill in auditing them. But the best auditors bring other skills to the party, and business needs the best auditors. The Cadbury committee and the McFarlane working party both considered non-audit services and concluded that it would be wrong to prevent management from employing the auditors to undertake a piece of work, just because they were the auditors. Any company should be entitled to seek the best supplier for any service. Auditors have no divine right to provide other services. They must compete and there is generally prejudice against auditors tendering for non-audit work. We must demonstrate to the management of our audit clients, just as to any other potential customer, that our people have the best specialist skills.

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Fowle: proud auditor

World merry-go-round in search of better rules

BY JACK MAURICE

A WORLDWIDE recession is not the best time for members of the commercial professions to hope for snowy white judgments of their activities. Lawyers probably attract marginally more wicked stepmother jokes than accountants but there is no shortage of comment by the media on the conduct of accountants — on either side of the Atlantic — especially in their auditing and other financial reporting roles.

Critics give the impression that professional firms roam free, predators in the financial jungle, subject only to the law that they must yield to the ultimate gamekeepers — governmental regulators or the organisations or boards to whom those regulators have delegated regulatory functions. This view ignores the well-established mechanisms to provide and enforce guidance on professional ethics in Britain, America and most other developed nations.

New guidance measures in such areas as specialist valuations and rotation of auditors, proposed by the UK Chartered Accountants Joint Ethics Committee (Cajec) and endorsed by the auditing bodies, have been this year's main good news about standards in the profession. The guidance of the national accountancy bodies for the British Isles can be found in almost every public library.

There may be more excuse for not realising accountants have international ethical standards that are detailed, comprehensive and universally acknowledged.

The International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) won approval from its 110 national member bodies in 1990 for its *Guideline on Ethics for Professional Accountants*, since renamed the *Code*. They are committed to adopt and apply it to cover almost a million accountants worldwide. The code itself, which deals with key subjects such as independence, confidentiality, change in a professional appointment and practice promotion, is directed at the national bodies rather than individual accountants. However, IFAC's ethics committee, which is responsible for developing the code, has also drafted a suffix, enabling national bodies to give the code direct effect on their own members, either in identical terms or subject to specific variation in particular areas. A significant number of countries in which ethical rules for accountants are a relatively recent phenomenon have adopted the code in this way.

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The British Isles are among the more sophisticated jurisdictions. The profession reckons it meets or goes beyond the code requirements in every main area.

The faster pace at which ethical rules have developed worldwide over the past three years to meet the demands of regulators, clients and the public has, in any case, subtly altered the relationship between the international guidance and that in the UK in particular. The ensuing boom in guidance in this country is reflected in an escalating workload for IFAC's ethics committee.

The UK representatives have take a leading role, in part because the international committee's deliberations have, over the past two years, closely paralleled the main concerns in the UK.

The international code therefore reflects British input on areas such as conflicts of interest, impending litigation and personal connections with clients. IFAC work on other services provided to audit clients will inevitably reflect the new UK rules on specialist valuations. Other parts of the IFAC code began as international initiatives to be translated into national guidance.

For instance, the IFAC ethical rule on rotating audit partners was developed at the behest of Iosco, the international securities organisation.

So was the international code's guidance on etiquette when a former partner joins an audit client. By this reverse route, a three-page Cajec "white paper" on the subject, following the "green paper" last October, dropped on the desks of 400 individuals and organisations last week. Comments are requested by the end of September. Cajec will discuss the issue again in December and doubtless firm guidance will be agreed by the member institutes in the new year. This will then become the latest addition to ethical rules, but surely not the last.

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AND OTHER BUSINESS...

Helping spread the word

SIR Peter Kemp, the former Treasury man and chartered accountant who helped overhaul the Civil Sevice, is doing his bit to encourage accountancy education in Central and Eastern Europe. Sir Peter, former Second Permanent Secretary in the Cabinet Office, has been made secretary and executive of the Foundation for Accountancy and Financial Management, a new charity backed by the public finance and chartered accountancy institutes. "Accountancy is a universal language," says Sir Peter, who has become a regular visitor to Poland. "We shall be working out our plans in detail, but in general we intend to concentrate on practical projects, including courses, workshops, preparation of training material for local use, help with syllabus development, study visits to the UK and practical assistance for educational establishments in Central and Eastern Europe teaching accountancy." Sir Curtis Keeble, a former ambassador to the Soviet Union, is chairman, and Grant Thornton's Sir Michael Lickiss, ICAEW stalwart and past president, is vice-chairman.

Hoult hot seat

THE South Thames region has stepped up its drive to tackle urban decay and other topical issues ... by hiring a Tynesider. Tim Hoult, joint managing partner of Price Waterhouse Europe, inherits the hot seat as chairman of the board of South Thames Training and Enterprise Council and appears undaunted. "I am particularly interested in the Enterprise side of our activities and believe we should make a big contribution to the economic regeneration of the South Thames area," says Hoult, a PW partner since 1967.

I incorrectly stated Hobson Audley's telephone number last week. The number is 071-248 2299. Apologies.

Quiet collapse

THE expression "corporate collapse" took on a new meaning this week for Philip Monjack, urbane senior partner of Leonard Curtis, the independent insolvency firm. Monjack was dining with Keith Goodman, his number two, in a French restaurant in Chancery Lane frequented by judges and other bewigged types, when the seat on which they were reclining ... well, collapsed. The pair calmly, if somewhat uncomfortably, finished their meal with a minimum of fuss. "It was a seat-of-the-pants reaction," quips Goodman who has experienced worse mishaps during his years as an insolvency practitioner.

JON ASHWORTH

Limit to county court's children power

D v D (County court jurisdiction: injunctions)

Before Lord Justice Balcombe, Lord Justice Leggatt and Sir Francis Purchas

[Judgment July 21]

The county court had no inherent jurisdiction to grant injunctions to restrain a local authority from exercising its statutory powers in relation to children, or the police from exercising their statutory or common law powers.

The Children Act 1989 did not give the county court any power to interfere with the exercise by such other bodies of their powers in relation to children, although it could prohibit parties to an action from taking steps to involve those other bodies. That court had no general power to garner documentary evidence of its own motion, nor jurisdiction in such a case to order discovery by a non-party.

The Court of Appeal so held when upholding appeals by the father, North Yorkshire County Council and the Chief Constable of North Yorkshire against orders made by Judge Brown at Lancaster County Court on April 30 and May 17, 1993 on an application by the mother for a residence order in relation to the three children of her former marriage.

Mr Michael A. Smith, who did not appear below, for the father: Mr Ernest Ryder for the mother: Mr Roger McCarthy, who did not appear below, for North Yorkshire County Council and North Yorkshire Chief Constable, intervening.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE said the father had vacated the matrimonial home but had contact with the children, a boy and two girls. The mother had applied for a residence order in her favour and for contact between the children and the father to be strictly defined.

Subsequently, on a visit to the father, the son had alleged that his mother had kicked him and slapped his sisters. Police and social services had investigated.

The judge had taken the view that the father had "gone at it like a bull at a gate", calling in the police without even consulting his solicitors. At a hearing on April 13, 1993 he had ordered that neither North Yorkshire social services nor the police, who were not parties to the action, should take any further step in relation to the welfare of the three children without consulting the court. He had also ordered that all documents in possession of both the social services and the police concerning all investigations into the family should be disclosed to the court and to the solicitors acting for the parents. That part of the order had been modified on May 17 to specify particular documents.

The county court's jurisdiction to grant injunctions was wholly statutory. It might be that a judge of the High Court, in which was vested the inherent jurisdiction with respect to children, could seek to restrain a local authority from exercising its statutory powers in relation to children or the police from exercising their statutory or common law powers, although even that might be doubtful in the light of *Nottinghamshire County Council v P (The Times* April 8). Even if such a power existed, its exercise would be wholly exceptional.

The power could not be exercised in the county court unless the proceedings had been commenced in the High Court and transferred to the county court under section 38 of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984.

Any jurisdiction the judge had to make the orders restraining the council and the police from taking steps in relation to the children could only be derived from statute, and the only such statute was the Children Act 1989.

Part II of that Act was concerned with orders in respect to children in family and other proceedings, in which might be termed private law matters, that is, where the dispute about the children was between their parents or other relations.

Parts III, IV and V dealt with what might be called public law matters, that is, where the intervention of some public body, usually a local authority, might be necessary in the interests of a child.

There was no statutory link between the private and public law parts of the 1989 Act, whose whole philosophy was that local authorities should, wherever possible, act in co-operation with the parents and families of children with whom they might be concerned and should only use their coercive powers when cooperation had failed.

The council had not sought to use its coercive powers in the present case. If the court was satisfied on proper evidence that a person with parental responsibility for a child was exercising the rights attaching to that responsibility in a way which could be detrimental to the child's welfare, for example, by permitting the child to be exposed to unnecessary interviews or examinations, the court in the exercise of its private law jurisdiction could make a prohibited steps order under section 8 of the 1989 Act restraining that person from exercising those rights.

Once such an order had been made, neither the council nor the police, except in exercise of their emergency powers under section 46 so far as they extended, could have taken any step invasive of the lives of those children without first applying to the court.

Mr Ryder had submitted that the judge did have jurisdiction to make the orders against the council and the police under section 11(7)(d) which provided that a residence order might "make such incidental, supplemental or consequential provision as the court thinks fit".

But those words could not be construed as giving to the court a power to interfere with the exercise by other bodies of their statutory or common law powers, whether derived from the other parts of the 1989 Act or elsewhere.

The lack of jurisdiction was even more apparent in relation to the judge's order for discovery.

There was no statutory provision in the 1989 Act equivalent to section 34(2) of the Supreme Court Act 1981 and section 53(2) of the County Courts Act 1984, which enabled the court to make orders for discovery by a non-party in actions for personal injuries or death.

Accordingly the ordinary law applied and if a party wished to adduce in evidence documents in the possession of a non-party then the procedure was by *subpoena duces tecum* in the High Court, or by witness summons in the county court. Even in children cases there was no general power in the court to garner documentary evidence of its own motion.

Lord Justice Leggatt and Sir Francis Purchas concurred.

Solicitors: Oglethorpe Sturton & Gillibrand, Bentham; J. P. Mewies & Co, Skipton; Mr Michael Lightfoot, Northallerton.

Registration of challenged foreign judgment

Société d'Informatique Service Réalisation Organisation v Ampersand Software BV

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Staughton and Lord Justice Waite

[Judgment July 15]

Where a foreign judgment was alleged to have been obtained by fraud and means of redress were available in the country of judgment, there was no breach of public policy in recognising and registering the judgment in England.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by Ampersand Software BV against one of two orders made by Mr Justice Saville on January 23, 1992 in relation to the registration of a judgment obtained in France by Société d'Informatique Service Réalisation Organisation (Sisro).

Mr Stephen Oliver-Jones for Ampersand; Mr Jonathan Marks for Sisro.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that there were two related appeals by Ampersand in the same proceedings from decisions of Mr Justice Saville given on January 23, 1992.

They were concerned with the recognition and enforcement in a contracting state, England, under the Brussels Convention, scheduled to the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982, of a judgment obtained in another contracting state, France.

The French judgment was obtained by Sisro against Ampersand and others in the *Tribunal de Grande Instance de Paris* in 1987. That was after the trial of an action in which Sisro successfully claimed that certain computer programmes of Ampersand infringed Sisro's copyright.

Ampersand appealed in France against the judgment but the appeal had still not been heard.

In 1987 Sisro applied to Master Turner for registration of the judgment against Ampersand. The master made an order for registration.

Ampersand appealed against the order under article 27 of the Convention, which provided: "A judgment shall not be recognised: (1) If such recognition is contrary to public policy in the state in which recognition is sought."

It was said that the French judgment was obtained by fraud and forgery but the same allegation had been made at the French trial and had been rejected by the court. An application had also been made in France for a stay of execution but it had been refused.

When the appeal against the master's order came before Mr Justice Saville, he ordered a stay of the proceedings, pending the hearing of Ampersand's appeal in France. The judge took the view that the power to order a stay under article 38 was free standing and did not depend on any of the grounds available under articles 27 or 28.

Sisro appealed and another division of the Court of Appeal had held that it could not accept the judge's view that article 38 was free standing, without the question being referred to the European Court, since the *Hanseatisches Oberlandesgericht*, Hamburg, in another case had come to a different conclusion, namely, that article 38 was subordinate to article 37 and could only authorise a stay pending a decision whether the judgment should or should not be refused recognition on one or other of the grounds set out in articles 27 and 28.

By article 37: "An appeal against the decision authorising enforcement shall be lodged in accordance with the rules governing procedure in contentious matters: . . . in England and Wales, with the High Court of Justice. . ."

By article 38: "The court with which the appeal under . . . article 37 is lodged may, on the application of the appellant, stay the proceedings if an ordinary appeal has been lodged against the judgment in the state in which that judgment was given. . ."

Meanwhile, a second application by Ampersand for a stay of execution in France had also been refused. The Court of Appeal ruled that Sisro could apply to Mr Justice Saville to set aside the stay on the basis of the second French refusal of stay of execution and, if the judge declined to do so, he was to refer the article 38 question to the European Court.

Ampersand made the application to lift the stay and the application came before the judge on January 23, 1992.

First, he lifted the stay on the ground that the French court had refused a stay on the merits and the English court ought in comity to follow the decision of the French court. Second, he dismissed Ampersand's appeal against the master's order. Ampersand appealed against both decisions.

A short point was taken in relation to the dismissal of the appeal. It was said that it was contrary to public policy in England to enforce a foreign judgment obtained by fraud, and the issue of public policy was so important that the alleged fraud had to be tried in England before the judgment could be enforced here.

If the French court held that there was fraud and set aside the judgment, that would be the end of it because there would be no judgment to enforce in other jurisdictions.

But if the French court held that there was no fraud and dismissed the appeal, the issue, on Ampersand's argument, would still have to be tried in the courts of other contracting states. Such a course would be highly undesirable.

The judge preferred the course taken in *Interdesco SA v Nullifire Ltd* ([1992] 1 Lloyd's Rep 180), where Mr Justice Phillips had ruled that if means of redress were available in the country of judgment, there would be no breach of English public policy in recognising and registering the judgment which was subject to those means of redress.

His Lordship agreed with that ruling, which Mr Justice Saville applied. There was no ground on which his decision could be interfered with.

As to the lifting of the stay, that was to be approached on the basis that the judgment was entitled to be registered in England. There was no ground under article 27 or 28 for refusing registration.

A stay pending a decision of the French appeal could therefore only be granted if article 38 was free standing.

Under article 37 the Court of Appeal was the final court of appeal in England and that court had ruled that the question should be referred to the European Court. That had to happen before the Court of Appeal could grant a stay.

The judge took the view that the French court had on the second stay application refused a stay on the merits.

His Lordship did not agree with that view, or that in the circumstances of the case the decision of the French should carry great weight with the English court.

Lord Justice Staughton delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Waite agreed.

Solicitors: Church Adams Tatham & Co for Paris & Co, Birmingham; Gregory Rowcliffe & Milners.

Balancing consent order and interests of child

N v N (Consent Order: Variation)

Before Lord Justice Lloyd, Lord Justice Butler-Sloss and Lord Justice Roch

[Judgment July 14]

Where a former spouse sought variation of a limited period maintenance order made by consent the court should give appropriate weight, which in most cases would be substantial, to the agreement of the parties embodied in the consent order.

If, however, there was a child of the family who was still a minor, section 31(7) of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973, as amended by the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984, required the court also to have regard to the welfare of the child and to decide whether as the first consideration the detriment to the child arising from refusal to vary the order was sufficient to tip the balance so as to override the principle that agreements should be upheld.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing the former wife's appeal against the dismissal by Mr Justice Eastham on October 7, 1991 of her appeal from the district judge's refusal to grant her application under section 31 of the 1973 Act to extend the term of a limited period maintenance order made by consent on January 30, 1987.

Mr James Holman, QC and Lord Meston for the wife; Mr Alexander Dawson and Mr Arthur Blake for the husband.

LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-SLOSS said that the judge had been entirely right to rely on the principles enunciated in *Edgar v Edgar* ([1980] 1 WLR 1410) that, other than in unusual circumstances, courts would uphold agreements freely entered into at arm's length by parties who were properly advised.

That approach in family cases was in line with the effect of the amendments made by the 1984 Act to create a clean break between spouses.

That was subject to the other principle inserted into the 1973 Act by the amendments, that the duty of the court to have regard to all the circumstances included first consideration being given to the welfare of the minor child, both in sections 25(1) and 31(7).

How did that fit in with the approach of the courts to upholding agreements of the parties under the *Edgar* principle?

It seemed to her Ladyship that the judge faced with that problem had to give appropriate weight to the agreement of the parties embodied in the consent order, which in most cases would be a great deal of weight.

He had also to look at the welfare of the child and decide whether as the first consideration the detriment to the child from the refusal to set aside or vary the consent order was sufficient to tip the balance in all the circumstances so as to override the other principle of the courts upholding agreements.

Lord Justice Lloyd delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Roch concurred in the result.

Solicitors: William Bailey, East Dulwich; Gouldens.

Concealed price labels lawful

Allen v Redbridge London Borough Council

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Leonard

[Judgment July 22]

Justices erred in convicting a retailer of failing to indicate the selling price of his goods where the goods were stocked in a locked glass cabinet and their price labels could only be viewed with the assistance of a member of the shop's staff.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held, allowing the appeal by case stated of David Allen, a pharmaceutical chemist, against his conviction by Barkingside Justices on October 30, 1992 of two charges of failing to indicate the selling price of goods in accordance with articles 3 and 8 of the Price Marking Order (SI 1991 No 1382), contrary to section 7 of, and the Schedule to the Prices Act 1974.

Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Jonathan Fisher for the appellant; Mr Leslie Joseph, QC and Mr James Tayler for the local authority.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that the appellant stocked a large range of perfumes in a large, locked glass cabinet.

Price labels were placed at the bottom of, or on the back of the boxes which contained the goods and a person who was interested in any of the goods could only ascertain the price by obtaining the assistance of the appellant or a member of his staff to unlock the cabinet and remove the goods for closer examination.

The appellant argued that once the goods had been removed from the cabinet by him or one of his assistants the price ticket was unambiguous, easily identifiable and clearly legible by a prospective purchaser.

The local authority did not say that a retailer always had to put a price label on the front of an article displayed for sale.

The submission was that a would-be purchaser, looking at an article for sale, whether in a cabinet or not, had to be able to see what the price was without assistance from anyone else.

His Lordship had found that submission unacceptable. It seemed, in the absence of any sort of additional instructions, that the 1991 Order was fully complied with provided that there was upon the article, clearly stated, by whatever means, or alongside the article, some indicator, which unmistakably related to that article, showing the price.

A retailer was not called upon to put the price label on the front of an article or to put the article in a position where it could inevitably be handled by a prospective purchaser.

It was enough that assistance from the retailer or one of his assistants enabled the prospective purchaser to see the price on the article.

Mr Justice Leonard gave a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Charles Russell; Mr G. R. Bassett, Ilford.

No rights over towpath

Sussex Investments Ltd and Another v Jackson and Another

Before Lord Justice Balcombe, Lord Justice Farquharson and Sir Roger Parker

[Judgment July 28]

Where a plaintiff's registered title extended to the river and included the bank from the towpath down to the water's edge, the owners of houseboats moored to the bank of the River Thames by the plaintiff's land were not entitled to maintain rope moorings and gangplanks in exercise of any rights over the towpath.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment when allowing the appeal of Sussex Investments Ltd, the registered proprietor of freehold land at Spelthorne, Surrey, and Electronic Leasing Ltd, its managing agent, against the decision of Judge Oppenheimer at Staines County Court on April 8, 1992 to dismiss their claims for possession and for an injunction against Peter Jackson and Robert Peter Cornell, the owners of two houseboats moored to the bank of the Thames by the plaintiff's land.

Mr Kevin Garnett, QC, for Sussex Investments Ltd; Mr Eric W. H. Christie for Mr Jackson and Mr Cornell.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE, giving the judgment of the court, said that the moorings were by ropes secured to poles and trees on the sloping bank between the towpath and the water's edge. There were also gangplanks from the houseboats which rested on, and were embedded some six inches deep into the towpath.

It was common ground that along the towpath ran a public footpath. A public right of foot over a path and a public right of towage were separate and distinct rights. The difference between the nature of those two rights was apparent from their titles.

There was no justification for holding that a right of way on foot included any right over the river bank. The right of towage, if it still existed, clearly included the right to pass a towrope from the horse or other beast of burden on the towpath to the vessel being towed and might include a right to pass and repass from the vessel being towed to the land.

But neither right extended to the rights claimed by the houseboat owners to maintain their moorings and gangplanks on the bank.

Solicitors: Simon Jackson, Southwark; Fussell Wright & Co, Bristol.

Current evidence code relevant to earlier breach

Regina v Ward

Before Lord Justice Kennedy, Mr Justice Morland and Mr Justice Cresswell

[Judgment July 26]

A court could have regard to the current *Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (s.66) Codes of Practice* when considering the fairness of something done before the code came into force.

Their Lordships so stated when dismissing the appeal of Wayne Ward against his conviction on May 11, 1992 at Liverpool Crown Court (Mr Assistant Recorder Holman, QC and a jury) of reckless driving and taking a conveyance without authority.

Mr Gerald Baxter, who did not appear at the trial, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Andrew McDonald, who did not appear at the trial, for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE MORLAND, giving the judgment of the court, said that a stolen car, which was being chased by the police, crashed and the occupants dispersed. The police searched the vicinity and found the appellant, hiding. A conversation then took place between the appellant and two police officers.

In a trial within the trial it was submitted to the assistant recorder that that amounted to an interview and that because of breaches of the 1985 code evidence of the interview should be excluded.

The assistant recorder ruled that the conversation did not constitute an interview and evidence of it would be admitted.

No specific reference was made to section 78 of the 1984 Act, but in their Lordships' judgment the wording of that section and the necessity to consider fairness must have been in the forefront of the minds of counsel and the assistant recorder.

Before their Lordships it was submitted for the appellant that the assistant recorder should have had in mind the existence of paragraph C11.13 of the 1991 code, which started: "A written record should also be made of any comments made by a suspected person, including unsolicited comments, which are outside the context of an interview but which might be relevant to the offence. . ."

It was clear that that provision had not been mentioned to the assistant recorder and counsel for the Crown submitted, citing *R v Purcell* ([1992] Crim LR 806), that the court should not have regard to the current code when considering applications to exclude evidence of breaches of the earlier code.

But the existence of the new code, and in particular that paragraph, might well be relevant when considering, under section 78, whether it was fair that the answers of a suspect should be admitted in evidence. In their Lordships' judgment a court could have in mind the provisions of the new code as they reflected current thinking as to what was fair.

In considering the meaning of the word "interview" within the context of the 1985 code, the purpose of, and the objective sought to be achieved by the code were all-important and should be kept clearly in mind.

Their Lordships concluded that the question put to the appellant immediately after his comment on arrest and the consequent answer, although only one question and answer, constituted an interview.

The nature rather than the length of questions would primarily determine whether there was an interview, although the motive of the interviewing officer might be relevant when the judge exercised his discretion as to whether it was fair or not to admit the evidence under section 78.

Their Lordships were satisfied that if the assistant recorder had gone on specifically to exercise his discretion under section 78 he would have admitted the evidence of the interview. Accordingly there had been no material irregularity.

Solicitors: CPS, Merseyside.

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A Burne-Jones drawing, from the Victorian artist's first major British show for almost 20 years

CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** on two child-oriented summer films. Plus: a critics' forum and a festival report

Arnold Schwarzenegger (centre) in *Last Action Hero*, which "rarely feels like a tongue-in-cheek romp. It is clumsy, heavy, smug, a big-budget jape spun out of control"

Time for the kidding to stop

The ideal audience for **Last Action Hero** is a hyperactive boy aged 11 with an attention span of one and a half minutes; a boy thoroughly bored with school, who eats only popcorn and lives for Arnold Schwarzenegger movies. That is, someone like Danny Maguire, the unlovable 11-year-old who starts out sitting in a sleazy cinema and soon gets sucked into the silver screen, dodging bullets and crashing cars alongside his favourite superhero. If you do not worship Schwarzenegger and cannot identify with this pesky shrimp, you are in for a hard 140 minutes.

Keaton, Woody Allen and others have been this way before, juggling on and off-screen worlds with wit and invention. These are not on the agenda here. *Last Action Hero* belongs to the *Hudson Hawk* school: stupid, and proud of it. Since *Jack Slater IV*, the film Danny watches and then enters, is supposedly a parody, every ingredient is pushed to excess. No matter how tight the corner, how heavy the gunfire, Sgt. Jack Slater escapes without a graze. Villains are broad caricatures, from Anthony Quinn's florid mobster to Charles Dance's hitman, equipped with fanciful glass eyes.

Yet the script is so ragged and John McTiernan's direction so lacking in dash that *Last Action Hero* rarely feels like a tongue-in-cheek romp. It is clumsy, heavy, smug, a big-budget jape spun horribly out of control; a pile of set-pieces with no characters or story strong enough to bind them together. At least Schwarzenegger has a humorous presence, unlike Bruce Willis in *Hudson Hawk*; but Austin O'Brien's young sidekick is a perfect brat.

One sequence shows what might have been. While Danny's teacher (Joan Plowright, no less) prepares her class for Olivier's film of *Hamlet*, Danny dreams a cinema trailer with Schwarzenegger as a gun-toting Prince. "Something is rotten in the state of Denmark," a sepulchral voice intones, "and Hamlet is taking out the trash." The parody is funny and clever; one small pearl in a swine of a movie.

Joan Plowright also pops up in *Dennis*, this summer's film for the younger urchin. The source is the comic-strip "Dennis the Menace". The American one, for this is no curly-haired lump of malevolence, familiar from the *Beano*. America's *Dennis*, created by Hank Ketchum, is a well-meaning five-year-old in a tidy suburb who only terrorises by accident. His principal antagonist is crusty neighbour Mr Wilson, played by Walter Matthau with a gusto only possible when an actor entering the twilight years feels he has found a meal-ticket. Plowright appears as his wife.

Dennis himself is one Mason Gamble, picked by producer John Hughes after trawling through some 15,000 audition tapes. He is adequate, but vapid; like the film itself, which coasts along on domestic upsets with paint, water and the like, without ever finding the energy for a decent plot.

Yet it is not all innocent amusement: once in a while we meet Switchblade Sam (Christopher Lloyd), a grimacing hobo clearly meant to grab the attention of children who would prefer to be watching *Batman*. When Switchblade carries off Dennis, the film switches gears for a faintly menacing climax, boringly extended by director Nick Castle.

But the abiding impression is of footling mayhem. Toilet cleaner is mixed with mouthwash; a golfball hits private parts; a blob of paint flies from a vacuum cleaner straight onto Matthau's barbecue. "I'm going to try that paint trick with our Hoover!" said one small boy as the preview audience filed out. Parents can send repair bills to Warner Brothers, 4000 Warner Boulevard, Burbank, California.

Away from the American mainstream, life continues merrily. Leslie Harris's **Just Another Girl on the I.R.T.** carries a tag line from the director herself: "A Film Hollywood Dared Not Do". "Could Not" would be nearer the mark: once you piled on the gloss, star names and ping-pong dialogue, the raw energy and impact of this urban tale would be lost.

Last Action Hero
Odeon Leicester Square, 15
Dennis
MGM Haymarket, PG
Just Another Girl on the I.R.T.
Metro, 15
Chain of Desire
Screen on the Hill, 18
Liquid Sky
ICA Cinema, 18

For her heroine, Harris takes one of the voluble black girls who earn disapproving looks from strap-hangers on the New York subway. Chantel is the name: bright, sassy, anxious to escape the ghetto and enrol in college. Then she becomes pregnant. To abort or not? The question is faced with a directness rare in American films aimed at urban blacks.

This is Harris's first feature, shot on a budget of $100,000. Some scenes are gauche, and the characters' loudness edges at times into over-acting. But faults can be forgiven in a film which presents a ghetto story without recourse to drugs or guns. Ariyan Johnson gives a firecracker performance as the ebullient Chantel, and the hip-hop soundtrack keeps the film bouncing.

In the final stages, Hollywood intrudes. After much painful writhing, Chantel's baby pops out tidily, and roses bloom around the door. Given the world's overpopulation and the social consequences of teenage pregnancy, Harris's optimism seems ill-judged. The film is valuable nonetheless: vibrant, funny, tender and impassioned, with plenty to say to young audiences.

Chain of Desire says comparatively little, but says it in so sleek and sexy a manner that you cannot help smiling. Writer-director Temistocles Lopez hails from Venezuela via the London Film School and Italian television, though he seems thoroughly at home in the New York social scene that provides the setting for this update of *La Ronde*.

Included in the cycle of affairs and meetings are sado-masochism, homosexual love, voyeurism, Aids, and a cast accustomed to cult success. Club singer Linda Fiorentino (*After Hours*, *The Moderns*) starts a steamy affair with Elias Koteas. The chain grows to include television anchorman Malcolm McDowell, hot-pants-wearing artist Seymour Cassel and his jealous wife Assumpta Serna, who avenges herself on her philandering husband by making love to a passing hunk on top of one of his paintings. Such is life in *Chain of Desire*, a shallow but smart entertainment with a sheen that belies its budget.

New York life gets weirder still in Slava Tsukerman's **Liquid Sky** an outlandish pot-pourri of punk fashions, science fiction spoof and Russian émigré prank, first released in 1982. Time has not healed the flaws: some footage is slack, much editing haphazard. But its period charm is now magnified; for this tale of heroin-addicted aliens feasting on the entourage of fashion model Anne Carlisle now seems an innocent Bacchanal, before Aids cast its shadow.

A kind of normality returns in the Barbican Cinema's August season **Forever Ealing** (from Sunday). There are new prints, among others, of Mackendrick's sharp satire *The Man in the White Suit* and *Kind Hearts and Coronets*. The costume spectacular *Saraband for Dead Lovers* makes a stiff bow, and Jack Warner lights *The Blue Lamp*. No Schwarzenegger in sight; just the old-fashioned fun of going to the pictures.

Biters bitten by themselves

What happens when film critics gather to discuss film criticism?

Andy Martin watched the fur fly

At last week's British premiere of "Critics" (or to give it its full title, "Open Forum on Film Criticism"), the Cambridge Film Festival strove to balance its string of films without dialogue (*Libera Me*, *Baraka*, *Latcho Drom*) with a low-budget production which was *nothing but* dialogue, without any significant action.

Improvisatory, devoid of excess camera movement, devoid even of a camera, "Critics" was an exploration of the modern filmic consciousness. Paradoxically, this post-modern pastiche of self-reflexive critical discourse was as violent, in its verbal shootouts, as any Sam Peckinpah western.

The scene was set inside a movie theatre. We are watching Pascal Kané's *The Cinéphile and the Village* in which Serge Daney, a former editor of *Cahiers du cinéma*, pronounces the critic to be extinct. All that is left behind, preserved in newsprint, is the DNA of "a dealer, a pimp, a monster of ignorance".

We pull back and pan left to right to discover the Frenchman being observed by a clutch of London critics, brought back to ferocious life by mad scientist (Dr) Jonathan Romney, a Cambridge PhD and deputy editor of *Sight and Sound*. The muscular, bull-necked Geoff Andrew, of *Time Out*, in open-necked safari jacket, had clearly wandered in off the set of *Tarzan*.

Philip French, film critic of *The Observer*, a Yul Brynner with glasses, confided "I have a high tolerance of violence." In contrast, the tame academic (black jacket, tie and frown) was caricatured by Graham McGann, of King's College, who has written on Monroe, Woody Allen, and *The Rebel Male*.

The most rebellious of the talking heads was, however, unmistakably female. With Veronica Lake curls falling seductively over one eye, Judith Williamson, whose film criticism has been collected in *Deadline at Dawn*, also had the lashing, laconic tongue of a young punk set on blasting the old gunslinger. If she spoke of "challenging *Top Gun*", it was because she wanted to be it.

The first attack to draw blood was launched by Joe d'Morais, of Blue Dolphin Films, the independent distributor, who reckoned critics have become sandwich-board men catering to *Jurassic Park*-style mass hysteria, without discrimination or diversity. French shot back that he would have been happy to have given more space to a masterpiece from Iceland than to dinosaurs, but there wasn't one that week.

Toby Young of The Modern Review was savaged in absentia for his complaint that critics give too much attention to *Long Day Closes* at the expense of *Wayne's World*. While everyone else was picking on *The Modern Review* for its "ignorance and arrogance", Williamson turned her guns on everyone else for a "failure of courage".

But the real villain turned out to be Michael Medved, author of *Hollywood vs America*. French led the assault: "The man is a fool, a moral charlatan. Billy Graham is a great thinker in comparison with him." Geoff Andrew subtly nuanced this view: "He's a complete moron." Still, maybe Medved had a point: too much Hollywood can engender brutality among its consumers.

Ironically, the leitmotiv of "Critics" was the powerlessness of critics. Jonathan Romney argued that what happens in the United States predetermines what they can say, and their hands are further tied by the demands of editors and advertisers.

"Critics" ended on an upbeat note with a spirited defence of the creative artist, otherwise known as the critic. Those who can, criticise; those who can't, make films.

"You've come to review us?" Williamson asked nervously. "You should be using a tape-recorder. Otherwise it'll just be your interpretation." Critics can dish out the punishment all right, but they can't take it.

FILM FESTIVALS: **David Robinson** reports from Sydney, Jerusalem and Stuttgart

More than just galas

More or less coinciding at this time of year (one in Middle Eastern high summer; the other in the balmy antipodean *midwinter*), the Jerusalem and Sydney Film Festivals afford contrasts in spectacle. The Israeli event takes place at the *Jerusalem Cinematheque*, set in sweeping lawns on the slope of the biblical Valley of Kidron, its golden stone matching the ancient city walls rearing on the facing ridge.

The Sydney Festival occupies one of the city's most dramatic interiors. Australia boasted some of the most extravagant picture palaces of the 1920s and 1930s, and the State on Market Street, built in 1929, survives intact and pristine. A cathedral of the movies, the State enthusiastically commemorates various architectural styles: soaring Gothic for the entrance hall, classical for the foyers, Louis XVI for the 2,500-seat auditorium.

The magic of such picture palaces, even in the roughest inner cities, is to inspire in their patrons a mixture of awe and a pride that the splendour was made for them, thereby deterring vandalism.

Film festivals, though, have a way of making the whole world kin. However different the locations and cultures of these two events, half a world apart, they share that same solid core of films that you can rely on finding at every non-competitive festival during the year. Quite a few of the current vintage of festival favourites are happily British, such as Sally Potter's *Orlando* and Derek Jarman's *Wittgenstein*.

Notable foreign films in this travelling festival repertory include, from Austria, *Benny's Video*, a chilly tale of juvenile murder and middle-class alienation, part of a contemporary morality trilogy by Michael Haneke; from Hungary, Ildiko Szabo's *Child Murders*, whose faultless, merciless narrative also traces the ultimate social tragedy in a tale of precocious homicide: from Canada, *Calendar*, in which Atom Egoyan journeys to his ancestral Armenia and plays the main role in a complex mosaic about marital separation; from America, Roberto Rodriguez's $7,000-budget comedy thriller *El Mariachi*, which proved the big success story of the year when it landed a Columbia contract for its 24-year-old director.

Aside from this international touring repertory, of course, each festival imposes its own style. Jerusalem favours Jewish themes, and encourages national talent through prizes and competitions.

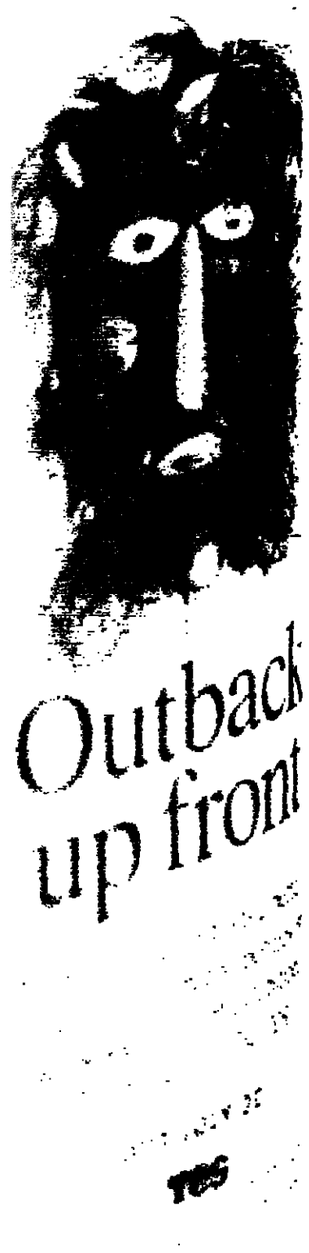
It excels, too, in its selection of historical documentaries. Among the most striking this year were *Liberators: Fighting on Two Fronts in World War II*, by Nina Rosenblum and the black documentarist Bill Miles, about shocking, even murderous racism in the American armed services; and the German director Helke Sanders's *Liberators Take Liberties* which, despite inept structure, assembled first-hand evidence of rape by soldiers in occupied war zones.

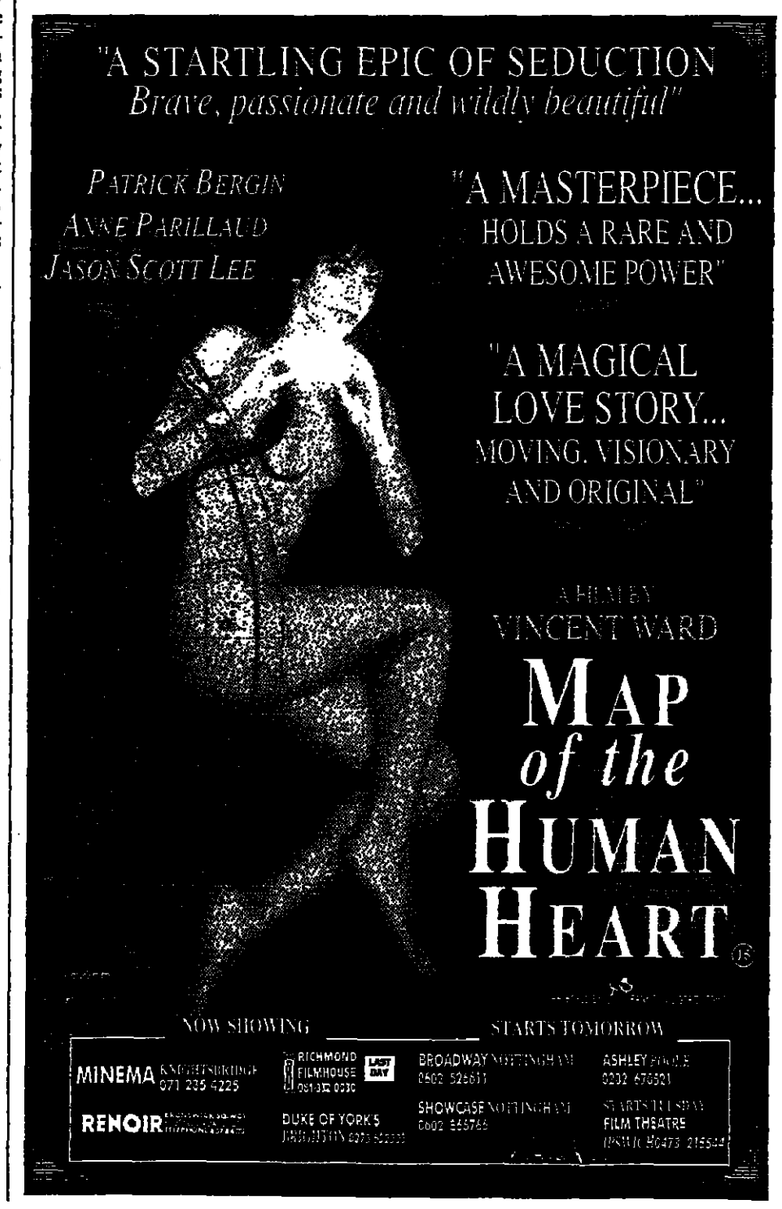
Chris Marker's *The Last Bolshevik* will be seen here next month at the ICA. This marvellous two-hour tribute to the idiosyncratic Soviet director Alexander Medvedkin is a searching essay on the lost illusions of communism.

Documentary inevitably also dominated another, and new, international cinema event, Stuttgart's "Bluhmende Phantasie" nature film festival. The site was less spectacular but charming: the city's Kommunales Kino, among the trees of a park. There is much to be said for film events like this which concentrate on a single theme, though as Stuttgart showed, it can restrict the audience.

The overall lesson of Stuttgart was that no ecological question is as simple as it seems. The whales we save may well threaten other marine life. Even vegetarianism can upset the balance of the sheep population.

Festival, indeed, seemed hardly the term for the bad news which was the message of practically every film in Stuttgart, as we were reminded mercilessly of the poisoning of the environment, the extinction of animal species and human cultures, the tyranny of the automobile. The brightest relief was provided by Karl-Heinz Mussig and Olaf Ulbright's cartoon *Noah*, an ironic re-reading of the Flood which ends with a well-fed carnivorous Noah stepping out of the Ark resplendent in bearskin coat, crocodile shoes and all the rest.





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Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 150mins

◪ **LYSISTRATA**: Geraldine James in Peter Hall's production where organs and actions are called by their proper (improper?) names and the men sport rampant, rubber phalluses
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. *95mins.*

□ **MACBETH**: An idiosyncratic performance by Alan Howard in Richard Eyre's murky production.
National (Oliver), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Tues 7.15pm, mats today, Sat, 2pm. *140 mins* +

■ **THE MADNESS OF GEORGE III**: Revival of Alan Bennett's clever history play. Nigel Hawthorne returns in the performance of his life.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). *Tonight, 7.30pm*

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□ **MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING**: Shakespeare on Shaftesbury Avenue, with Mark Rylance and Janet McTeer, proves funnier and friendlier than many a subsidised production.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins.

■ **OLEANNA**: David Suchet, Lia Williams in Mamet's blistering new play about political correctness in an American college.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 130mins.

□ **PRESENT LAUGHTER**: Tom Conti is seriously off-target in the Noël Coward role.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

■ **SUNSET BOULEVARD**: Triumph for Patti Lupone as the faded star in Lloyd-Webber's success.
Adelphi Theatre, Strand, WC2 (071-344 0055). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sats, 3pm.

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◆ **THE ASSASSIN** (18): Bridget Fonda's criminal gets reborn as a

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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

government assassin. Efficient remake of Luc Besson's *Nikita*. With Gabriel Byrne; director, John Badham. **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

BARAKA (PG): A perfect coffee table book of a film, surveying the world's miseries and wonders from Kuwait to Kathmandu. Director-photographer, Ron Frick.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527).

◆ **BENNY & JOON** (12): Zany love story ultimately choked by whimsy, starring Johnny Depp, Mary Stuart Masterson and Aidan Quinn; director, Jeremiah Chechik.
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◆ **CLIFFHANGER** (15): Sylvester Stallone tangles with John Lithgow's baddies high in the Rockies. Pitiful dialogue, but non-stop action. Renny Harlin directed.
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◆ **HOUSE OF ANGELS** (15): Liberated newcomers upset the calm of a Swedish village. Humane comedy from British-born director Colin Nutley. With Helena Bergström, Rikard Wolff.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805)

◆ **HOWARDS END** (PG). Absorbing version of E.M. Forster's novel about two colliding families with different ideals. With Anthony Hopkins, Emma Thompson, Helena Bonham-Carter. Director, James Ivory.
Odeon Mezzanine (0426 915683)

◆ **JURASSIC PARK** (PG): Michael Crichton's best seller becomes a clumsy vehicle for rampaging dinos and superior special effects. *Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Richard Attenborough. Director, Stephen Spielberg.*
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THEATRE: **Kate Bassett** on a contribution to the debate about care of the elderly

Reflections of love in extremis

Father's Day
West Yorkshire Playhouse, Leeds

CARING for the aged, especially those suffering from senile dementia, is becoming a dramatic problem. In real terms, there is the great emotional and growing financial strain put on families in Britain in the Nineties where Alzheimer's disease is the fourth biggest killer, the Department of Health is shilly-shallying over providing care, and where the expense of nursing homes leaves adult offspring — usually women — looking after aging parents without help.

Simultaneously, as this social situation draws more attention, the issues are becoming dramatic, more literally on stage and screen. Tony Harrison's BBC TV drama *Black Daisies for the Bride* was shown earlier this month, combining footage of Alzheimer's patients in a Yorkshire hospital with performances by actresses playing those patients' younger selves.

Meanwhile, *Marvin's Room*, still running at Hampstead Theatre, centres on a middle-aged woman, herself facing leukaemia, trying to cope with her dying father and her dotty aunt while arguing with her sister who wants them institutionalised.

Now comes Maureen Lawrence's play, *Father's Day*, being given its premiere in Leeds. Lawrence's piece — like Harrison's — is set in Yorkshire, specifically explores Alzheimer's disease, exploits flashback, and focuses on the lives of women. In *Father's Day*, it is George who has Alzheimer's disease but it is as much a play about his distressed, devoted wife Connie and his daughter Barbara who — like the harder-hearted sister in *Marvin's Room* — is in favour of a nursing home.

Lawrence, backed up by Penny Ciniewicz's physically detailed direction, is brilliantly observant concerning the behaviour of two generations of women, now in old- and middle-age respectively. Yet she also manages to write a work extraordinarily pertinent to the next generation down. Her image of Barbara, a working woman returning home with an attitude, impatient at her domestic, self-sacrificing mother, had me chuckling, pained and sometimes squirming with recognition.

Unfortunately, the play comes a cropper after the interval. From the start, Barbara obviously had a nasty after-taste in her mouth lingering from the bitter pill of childhood, her father having been a patriarchal bully. In Act II, though, she is positively spitting poison. Her verbal acid attacks on her mother and her father, now a near vegetable and ripe for euthanasia in her view, seem an out-of-proportion response to her adolescence as we see it in flashback.

Barbara's speeches, venting the frustration and anger pent up since childhood, sound as if they are meant to carry weight. They would do so if her lack of compassion for her parents did not make her own character so unsympathetic.

Moreover, the dynamic between mother and daughter, so carefully drawn before, starts veering around muddlingly; the flashbacks run into practical difficulties with costume changes; and the ending feels, dramatically, unsteady on its feet.

Nevertheless, the first half contains a wealth of superb scenes and depicts complex family interactions, from the tender to the explosively tetchy, so exquisitely that *Father's Day* should not be missed.

Richard Mayes (George), with the creased face of a decrepit clown, captures the funniness and tragedy, and indeed the endearing and infuriating qualities of an Alzheimer's sufferer. Ann Penfold (Barbara) has a troublesome part, obliged to act a little girl in the memory sequences. Dilys Laye, however, gives a searing, exquisite performance as Connie, shuffling around in dressing gown and slippers, wringing her hands endlessly but with the fight, surprisingly, still in her.

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Bedtime flashback: Father (Richard Mayes) with daughter Barbara (Ann Penfold) and mother (Dilys Laye)

TELEVISION: **Lynne Truss** finds the bite of a Peter Nichols play undiminished after 25 years

Self-portrait of the picnicking classes

The Gorge
BBC 2

SO EVOCATIVE was the setting of last night's archive black and white Wednesday Play on BBC 2 — Peter Nichols's 1968 comedy, *The Gorge* — that you could almost taste the chewy Mintoes and smell the car-seat leatherette. What an awful reminder of times past. Wedged in the back seat between so-called "auntie" and "uncle" sat angel-faced 16-year-old Mike (Billy Hamon), repeatedly fluttering his eyelids in exquisite anguish, while Stanley (Neil Wilson), the bullying father, drove the well-kept family car on its special Sunday outing from Bristol to the Gorge.

How those serious teenage A-level sensibilities suffered. Such banal conversation: such noisy recreational chewing: such reading aloud of every *notice and traffic sign*. "Keep out, no parking," announces mother (Constance Chapman) in her sweet Bristolian burr. "Private land, trespassers will be prosecuted. Fresh farm eggs 3/6d." She masticates her Minto, and scans ahead for the next priceless gem of roadside entertainment, which is revealed as "Keep faith with British farmers."

It seems very odd, in 1993, the idea of a teenager doing anything he doesn't want to. But then Mike, in common with other Nichols protagonists, was a dreamer and a wimp, as well as an excruciatingly self-conscious virgin. *The Gorge* was not only about the absurd and brilliantly observed details of advanced-level picnicking — huge complex tent, camp stove, pressure cooker, foldaway tables, tubes of milk, portable loo — it was also, like much of Nichols's work, about the way repression doesn't just ruin your own life, it makes you cruel to other people as well.

"Me and another man are going round the world quite soon," announces Mike with affected casualness. He has escaped the family for an assignation in the tall ferns with the nubile, pouting schoolgirl Chris (Elna Pearl) who, confused at his rejections, keeps removing her clothes to no avail. Why not take some women with you, she suggests, women are really sexy. "That's all women are any good for," he snaps, nastily. "We don't need them round all the time, just for *that*." Mike hates his father, of course; but in important respects he turns out to be just like him.

Nichols has always been fond of the play within a play; here, it was the silent home movie made by Stanley, intercut with the real events and accompanied by the ticka-ticka of the projector, to appreciative exclamations of "Lovely colour!" (a nice joke, since the whole thing was black and white).

But although director Christopher Morahan waved the device around with great panache, it wasn't quite clear what its function was, except to show everyone falsely pretending to be happy — clinking glasses with "new friends" (Chris's snooty, middle-class parents) — when in fact they were not, or not very.

Comparisons with Mike Leigh were easy to make but easy to dismiss again. *The Gorge* was a personal play, honestly pinpointing the playwright's own class, not jeering at someone else's.

Constance Chapman (who was equally wonderful as the batty head-scratching mother in Nichols's 1986 *Born in the Gardens*) coined each dreary cliché, every time she coined it, with exactly the self-satisfaction of the clever but uneducated woman of that era. "Scuse me reaching, I just got off the boat"; "No answer was the stern reply"; "The P is silent, as in bathing". It was worth the repeat, just to see her. Meanwhile, Stanley's deathless line, "Where the French fall down is in their toilets" is certainly one to treasure for at least the next 25 years.

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The arts in Britain are stifled by red tape and inadequate funding, says **Simon Mundy**, outgoing director of the National Campaign for the Arts

Paper chase leads nowhere

It is only three and a half years since the Royal Shakespeare Company temporarily suspended its operations at the Barbican to protest against the inadequate level of its grant; since Richard Luce announced that Arts Council clients and functions were to be devolved to the regions, prompting the resignation of the council's secretary-general, Luke Rittner; and since I joined the National Campaign for the Arts as director. This week I leave the post, even angrier than I was then and with a much thicker hide.

I am angry because the only thing that has flowed in abundance to the arts in that time from government and its agencies is bureaucratic verbiage. Richard Luce set the system off on a paper trail of absurd complexity, given the tiny proportion of money actually to be spent. The shorter the money, it seems, the greater the number of criteria and institutions invented to deal with it. Sir Richard, as he soon became after he had finally lost patience with the Thatcher regime's lack of interest, was hardly to blame, though. In part the muddle was caused by the proper and genuine need for a rethink about how to relate the local arts to the centre and about their status in government.

But while this might have been intellectually defensible as a managerial revamp, it has helped the arts not one bit. The new Regional Arts Boards spend over a fifth of the money they should be giving away on themselves. The Department of National Heritage soaks up £30 million a year. The Arts Council employs over 150 people to hand out just over £200 million. If the results had flair or created a sense that millions more people would benefit from their efforts then there would be rather fewer complaints. Instead arts organisations are burdened with paperwork to further policies not of their own making and which have only a tenuous connection with their own aims.

The Arts Council (as the London orchestras, regional theatres and the Poetry Society have found out this month) is not even a reliable source of finance. It demands expensive activities and business plans to suit its own ideals — a peculiar melange of managerial waffle and political correctness — and then, like a starlet tired of her hairdresser, flounces off when the orders turn out to be ill-conceived.

The malaise is at the top. The chairman of the Arts Council, Lord Palumbo, has not proved himself publicly in the job: the secretary-general is more skilled with words than as a bank manager for the arts. In government the job of arts minister has been tossed back and forth from David Mellor, a man of disconcerting energy but little tact, to men — Tim Renton and Peter Brooke — of great tact but little discernible energy.

They have had a difficult job, of course, because arts ministers have only one chance each year to prove their effectiveness: when the annual grants are announced in the autumn. Brooke did not help himself this time round by announcing simultaneously with this year's woeful settlement that next year he intends to cut the Arts Council by £5 million and freeze all his other quangos except for the British Library project.

The real problem is simple but hard to hammer into Treasury heads. It is all very well for John Major and Kenneth Clarke to mutter now and again that they love the arts and that culture is part of the fabric of the nation. It is nice, too, that once in a while, say a few months before crucial elections, they find the will to hold a European Arts Festival, buy the freehold of the London Coliseum and invent a lottery. These are windfalls and will compost nicely. For anything to grow from it — indeed for the arts tree to survive — there has to be a steady and much less parsimonious flow of money.

At the moment 0.23 per cent of the public budget is suffocatingly little. Were that to rise to 0.4 per cent, the lottery money really to remain additional as promised, and were local authorities able and encouraged to pull their weight, then people like me could shut up and turn our attentions to the European Commission (which gives only 0.00001 per cent of its budget to culture).

As it is I finish my time as a campaigner railing against the genteel complacency of the system. Every government speech lists what nice art there is in lots of nice places without ever acknowledging the difficulties and trying to solve them. Every Arts Council pronouncement heralds another redundant report or the appointment of more marketing executives. If running the arts in Britain were a play it would not be Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, nor even Stoppard's *Rosencrantz and Gildenstern Are Dead*. It would be an E.J. Thribb rewrite of W.C. Gilbert's one-act version.

Bringing life into line with fantasy

John Russell Taylor on a welcome chance to assess the work of one of Britain's most undervalued artists

The last major Burne-Jones show was in Nantes last year; the one before in Rome at the Museum of Modern Art in 1986. Indeed, before the Tate Gallery's new show of **Burne-Jones Watercolours and Drawings** one has to look back nearly 20 years for any important recognition of the artist in Britain — to the Arts Council show of 1975.

This all seems odd enough. But even odder, surely, is an art world in which you may pay £1.5 million for an Alma-Tadema (as at least two buyers have done recently), while a major Burne-Jones is unlikely to fetch more than £500,000. Alma-Tadema was, admittedly, extremely skilful in his manufacture of scenes from Victorian life in classical fancy dress, but rather short on imagination. Edward Burne-Jones, almost entirely self-taught, was at times short on sheer technique, but his imagination enchanted and influenced an important generation of artists all over Europe, even as far away as Japan.

Whatever the reasons for his relative neglect on his native heath, it is good to have a new chance of assessing his art for ourselves. The Tate exhibition, drawn entirely from its own amazing holdings, shows clearly his good points and his bad. It is tempting to line him up with the boneless-wonder school of continental Symbolist painters on which he had such a powerful influence. They, like him, painted and drew from their own visions of other-worldly creatures. But their visions tended to lack any perceptible basis in the observed facts of anatomy.

Sometimes Burne-Jones's limp ladies and their febrile escorts look the same way. And it is true that he nearly always tended to have trouble with strong lines. But he had his own devious ways of dealing with the problem. For the line he was not really at home with, he cunningly substituted a more generalised — almost, dare one say, Impressionist — massing of light and shade. Frequently, if one analyses his drawings in detail, they do not quite make sense. But the overall effect makes perfect sense, often producing patterns of great, almost abstract beauty.

> 'Burne-Jones's mature style evolved all by itself, careless of precedents'

It is possible that some of the origins of Burne-Jones's very idiosyncratic approach to the human figure are to be found in the adjacent exhibition, which is devoted to work by William Blake and, even more prominently, by such associates and followers as Palmer, Calvert and George Richmond. Certainly the angels Blake met in his garden were suspiciously rubbery, and the effects of the best Palmers, say, are based on the magical atmosphere created rather than rigorous draughtsmanship. That Burne-Jones knew something of all this we may feel sure from such works as the late, gilded watercolour *Sun Ripening Corn*, which seems to elaborate knowingly a typical Palmer motif. But more probably Burne-Jones's mature style evolved all by itself, totally careless of precedents.

The exhibition includes such powerfully patterned early works as *Sidonia von Bork*, painted when Rossetti's direct influence was at its strongest. But very soon Burne-Jones heads off in his own individual direction, which may be seen to advantage in the three panoramic studies in gouache for his series of decorations on the subject of *Perseus* (1875-76). The dreamy atmosphere, the subjection of awkward facts of life to the making of satisfactory and complex patterns, the characteristic idealisation of faces and figures into something ambiguous to the point of androgyny — all are there already. It would be difficult to mistake the work for that of anyone else.

Some of the minor drawings are very unequal in execution, possibly because they may come from the considerable stocks "finished" by Burne-Jones's son Philip after his death to render them more saleable. But in general the integrity of the work is unquestionable. So is the evidence that, in spite of everything, there is a certain tough reasonableness beneath the slight lyric grace. But Burne-Jones's great strength is that even if we are faintly aware of the reasonableness behind his most elusive fantasies, we really do not finally have to care.

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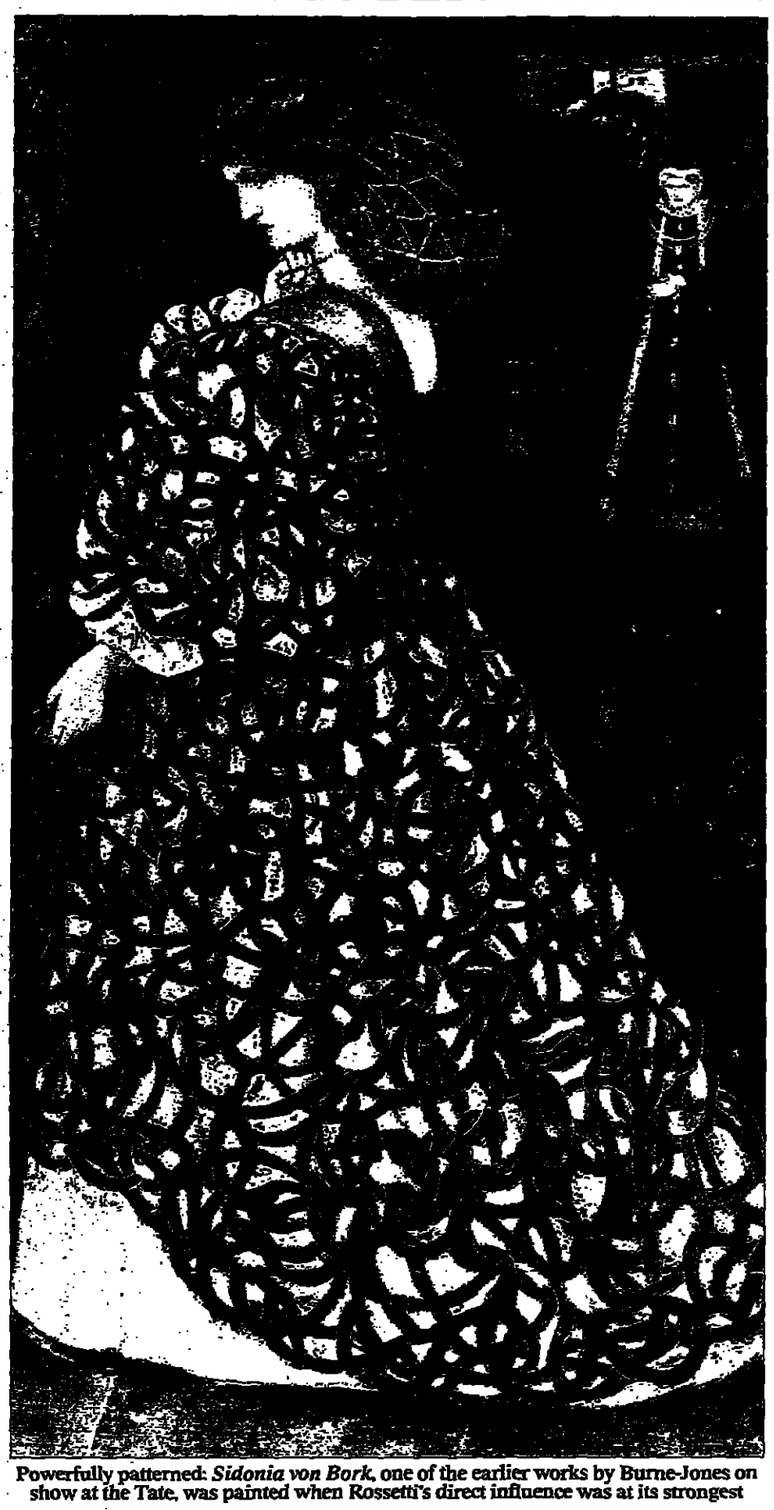

Powerfully patterned: *Sidonia von Bork*, one of the earlier works by Burne-Jones on show at the Tate, was painted when Rossetti's direct influence was at its strongest

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Veteran shines in the limelight

Charles Brown
Ronnie Scott's, Birmingham

There are only a handful of concerts each year that can be genuinely described as essential listening: Charles Brown's six-day visit to Birmingham undoubtedly belongs in that category. Seventy years old but still a swaggering, larger-than-life performer, he is making the most of a belated comeback.

A pivotal figure in American rhythm and blues, he was lost from view for years before returning to prominence with the albums *All My Life* and *Someone To Love*. His appearance at Ronnie Scott's is his first British date in a long, long time. The only mystery is why he has not been over more often, and why no London concerts have been arranged.

When players of his generation achieve the status of Grand Old Man, their skills are often in decline. Never mind whether they can still carry a tune, we are grateful that they are still living and breathing. With Brown, there is no need to make allowances. The piano technique is as acute as ever, the black velvet voice even more majestic.

Arriving on stage in his glittery jacket and cap, and constantly flashing his "give the folks a good time" smile, he might have been mistaken for an old-style Vegas act. Until he started to play. Brown lives the words of each song. When he opened his second set of the evening with his arrangement of the old spiritual "Nobody Knows The Troubles I've Seen" there was never any doubt that this was more than a mere performance. We were eavesdropping on his own personal testimony.

The old songs were all in place, with "Driftin' Blues", of course, at the top of the list. Brown nodded in the direction of his friend and fellow pianist, the late Amos Milburn, on "Bad Bad Whiskey", and guitarist Danny Caron was let loose on a loping tribute to T-Bone Walker. Brown's powerful left hand extracted the last ounce of colour from the piano as he slipped between boogie and stride rhythms. Saxophonist Clifford Solomon — a former Ray Charles sideman — supplied wailing solos on demand, while drummer Gaylord Birch and bassist Ruth Davies effortlessly kept the band on course. The party continues until Saturday.

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Lovers thrive in an unromantic setting

The controversial playwright Heiner Müller makes a powerful operatic debut with his Bayreuth staging of *Tristan und Isolde*

The first night of the 1993 Bayreuth Festival was the usual glittering social occasion, with red carpets unfurled for leading political figures from Germany and abroad (Britain was represented by Douglas Hurd), and a rapturous reception for Mikhail Gorbachev. Wagner would have loathed it all. Artistically, however, Bayreuth continues to throw down the kind of challenge that has kept it in the vanguard of dramaturgical innovation since the war.

This year's new production is of *Tristan und Isolde* — there are also revivals of Wolfgang Wagner's *Tannhäuser* and *Parsifal* (the latter with Placido Domingo), Dieter Dorn's *Flying Dutchman*, conducted by Sinopoli, and Werner Herzog's *Lohengrin* — and speculation had been rife. For *Tristan* was entrusted to the former East German playwright Heiner Müller, the revelation of whose contacts with the Stasi recently shocked Germany, while responsibility for designs and costumes was put in the controversial hands of Erich Wonder and the Japanese Yohji Yamamoto.

Rumours that the Stasi would make their appearance on the stage proved groundless, and Müller's production — his opera debut at the age of 64 — while not the blazing success that might have been hoped for, ultimately establishes him as a significant player in the field.

Not just another tale of adultery: Ute Priew (Brangäne) and Waltraud Meier (Isolde) in the Bayreuth *Tristan*

The start was slow, however. Wonder's sets for the ship of Act I removed all stage props, evoking atmosphere merely with geometrical shapes. The characters wear girdles round their necks that seem to have strayed from a *Star Wars* spoof by Mel Brooks. But their very absurdity is telling: King Mark, entrammelled by social custom, is visibly weighed down by his in Act II, whereas the lovers indicate their rejection of conventional mores by removing their outer gowns and girdles at the drinking of the potion.

The set for Act II is a curious arrangement of armour vests. In spite of the beautiful blue-green background, this is an unpoetic spectacle, but by this time it is clear that Müller's concept is both anti-naturalistic and anti-romantic — the embrace of the singers at curtain-call was more impassioned than anything seen on the stage. This is not just another tale of adultery, he seems to say, but a parable of the impossibility of love under certain social conditions. More than that, it deals with the metaphysics of existence itself.

With minimal stage movement; Acts II and III work their subliminal magic on the spectator, until for the Liebestod, the previously grey wasteland is bathed in tones of silver and gold. A perfect backdrop for the transfiguration of Waltraud Meier's Isolde, a bold assumption for a mezzo-soprano, but gloriously brought off by this marvellously perceptive singer. There is no palpable strain in the high notes, while the middle and low registers benefit from the extra support.

Siegfried Jerusalem's Tristan has been as keenly awaited as Meier's Isolde. His phrasing and colouring have not quite the subtlety of Meier's, but his tone is warm, agreeable and skilfully controlled: his depiction of Tristan's delirium in Act III is alarmingly realistic.

John Tomlinson's immensely strong King Mark is formidable in his reproach, while Falk Struckmann makes an impressive Bayreuth debut as a resonant Kurwenal. Daniel Barenboim accompanies sensitively, bringing the orchestra down immediately voices enter, and unleashing ardent, feverish sallies in between. It is a reading that, without sacrificing shape and structure, captures the immediacy, the volatility, the sheer animal energy of the score.

The *Tannhäuser* revival is most notable for the conducting of Donald Runnicles, a Scot recently appointed musical director of San Francisco Opera. His sympathetic account brings even the passages of connecting recitative to life, and his handling of large-scale structures is masterly. Rarely has it seemed such a refined score. Unfortunately the subtlety does not transmit itself to Wolfgang Schmidt, in the title role, who too often resorts to a rough, hectoring, ill-pitched tone.

The best singing comes from the Venus of Uta Priew (also a fine Brangäne in *Tristan*), the Elisabeth of Tina Kiberg and the Wolfram of Eike Wilm Schulte. The Bayreuth Festival Orchestra and Chorus, under the direction of Norbert Balatsch, maintain their customary impeccable standards.

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Meet the other Matthew Paris

Matthew Parris makes the acquaintance of a medieval chronicler and discovers his namesake had a good eye for a story

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This, to put it plainly, is a tabloid monk, not a broadsheet monk. In this selection from his writings — a wonderful relaxed translation from the Latin and French in which Brother Matthew wrote — he comes across, down all those intervening 750 years, as warm, cheerful, lively and violently prejudiced. I wonder whether he translates so well because English was the language he spoke and in which, presumably, he thought? Take this:

> Now the battle revived. The very air seemed to be disturbed by the clanging of armour, the smashing of spears, the crash of blows, the neighing of horses, the yells of combatants encouraging one another, the cries of the wounded and the groans of the dying, not to mention the cloud of dust raised, the steam from panting bodies and the streams of blood.

Enjoying ourselves, are we then, Mr Paris? Exaggerating just a bit, eh, brother? That's enough battlefield imagery — Matt.

And no — before you ask — I doubt whether we are related. The spelling is immaterial. Brother Matthew, a monk at St Albans in the first half of the 13th century, will have known well that nobody ever gets our name right. I answer to everything from Malcolm Harris to Maxwell Parish. It doesn't bother me and I doubt whether it would have bothered Brother Maxwell either, for his eye was firmly fixed on a grander purpose. He was very aware when he wrote that he was one of the few people chronicling his age. If he did not write things down then it was quite possible that nobody would, and the knowledge of events — some of them very great events — would die with those who remembered them. It must have been a weird and awesome responsibility, something quite unfamiliar to us.

In an excellent introduction Richard Vaughan explains that Matthew Paris socialised and travelled extraordinarily widely, both within Britain and abroad. He was sent once to Bergen in Norway. He drew maps of many of the old places mentioned in his chronicles. Intriguingly, for we do not really know how, he established friendly relations with people in high places. At one point he (respectfully) rebukes King Henry III face to face, and it is clear he was on friendly terms with almost everyone. This does not stop him being rude about them. Matthew's fame as a chronicler, once it became widespread, explains the notice people took of him: but how did he start, and why? He rarely talks about himself, unlike other Matthews we could mention.

A vivid picture of his age comes across. It was, as Vaughan explains, an age in which peoples and races were clearly established, but territories more fluid. France is seldom mentioned as a country, but "the king of the French" features throughout. Strongest of all is an enduring impression of debilitating uncertainty as to the rules of ownership, rights to exact payment, obligations to pay. We sometimes speak as though materialism was an evil especially of our age, but money, money, money seems to be the theme of the age that Matthew chronicles.

Everybody seems to be cheating, taxing, tolling, borrowing, and disputing. All leaders — spiritual and temporal — seem to be greedy. Matthew hates this. The Roman curia, he says, "yielded to gifts like wax". "Master Marinus, another Martin, who, in line with the meaning of his name, had prudently chosen, in the ocean of this world, to be a fisher, though not of men but of their possessions."

Very clear in Matthew's comments are two things: a strong sense of justice and a highly developed appreciation for civility, kindness and peace; and an equally strong sense of dismay at the rapacity and confusion of the age, the lack of any proper rule of law. Historians may look to Matthew for accounts of what might be called the "historical" events of his time: but what impresses me is the undeveloped state of the law of private property, and the terrible toll this takes on order and progress.

What is so endearing about Matthew is his childlike absorption in everything around him. His History actually starts from the beginning of creation: but the centuries up to 1200 are despatched summarily, and Matthew believes that the end of the world is probably not far off. He looks for signs. He records with equal wonder the exceptionally wet June of 1249 (*plus ça change*), an earthquake (unheard of) in the Chilterns, rises in sea level and an eclipse of the moon. He tells us of the nuisance of the "clipping" of the coinage (an early ruse for expanding the money supply); of fights between town and gown in Cambridge; of a great convocation in Westminster Hall (I stood there yesterday, seven centuries later!); and of many cheeky little reports going the rounds — such as this:

> Walter Clifford, not the least of the barons of the Welsh march in power, wealth and liberties, was gravely accused before the lord king of treating a messenger bringing royal letters to him violently and improperly . . . and of forcing him to eat the royal letters together with the wax seal.

Matthew would have been a good reporter-gatherer of stories for the "other news" columns of bus-plunges in Peru and budgies sucked into Hoovers.

The childlike quality of his wonderment at the world, together with his sharp and often cruel observation of his fellow man, is faithfully reflected in his drawings. This book is worth buying for these alone. Naive yet shrewd, a sort of Grandma Moses of his day, he penned clever sketches of battles, high noons, natural wonders, a crocodile in the Nile together with a map of how to get there, and even "The municipal band of Cremona, mounted on an elephant".

In 1250, at the end of this wonderful book, Brother Matthew writes a little poem to himself:

> *Matthew, here your toils are o'er*
> *Stop your pen and toil no more.*
> *Seek not what the future brings;*
> *Another age has other things.*

The Elizabethan era lay almost as far ahead of him as it lies behind us now.

Elders but not betters

Christina Koning

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NUDE MEN
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Sexual obsession has been a central theme in Western literature since Catullus told Lesbia he loved her and hated her; the problem for contemporary writers is finding new ways of describing it. Of these two novels, Simon Burt's offers the more innovative reworking of its literary models.

Of these, perhaps the most obvious is *The Catcher In The Rye*. Burt's 14-year-old narrator, Jeff Southern, is the same kind of angst-ridden, precocious adolescent as Salinger's Holden Caulfield — a resemblance underlined by the fact that both characters are from wealthy, middle-class American families whose values each has rejected. In Jeff's case, this rejection takes the form of kleptomania, for which he has been expelled from numerous previous schools, and for which he is repeatedly beaten by the priests at his current institution. Jeff also has to endure the brutal ragging of his classmates. He takes revenge by turning informer.

This unhappy state of affairs changes when Jeff meets Eddie, who teaches him the futility of open rebellion and the advantages of covert resistance to authority; before long, the two boys have inveigled their way into positions of trust, as a reward for which they are allowed out at weekends. Soon they are heading downtown for the local gay bar, where they are plied with Coca-Cola by an attractive older man and enjoy other, less salubrious encounters. Flushed with this success — and encouraged by his friend — Jeff seduces one of his schoolmasters, who is also a priest. It is this act which proves his undoing.

The most distinctive thing about the novel is not the detachment with which it presents its highly charged material, but the language it uses to do so. Reading this book is like being immersed in the stream of consciousness of a disturbed adolescent, in all its mawkish self-absorption. But Burt's protagonist is so humourless and so tediously solipsistic that, after a few hundred pages of his out-pourings, one longs for some adult company.

Amanda Filipacchi's first novel begins with aplomb. Her narrator, Jeremy Acidophilus, is 29 and a self-confessed failure, both in his career and in his relations with women. A chance encounter with the beautiful, eccentric Lady Henrietta, who makes her living as a painter of male nudes, seems to offer a way out of his unsatisfactory existence. He agrees to pose for her, in the hope that she will find him attractive; but it is her 11-year-old daughter, Sara, who ends up seducing him.

Having established her Nabokovian theme, Filipacchi seems determined to back away from it. For Sara, it emerges, has the body of a "tall, sensuous woman"; it is she who initiates the affair, virtually forcing the hapless Jeremy (who seems far more inexperienced than she is) to have sex with her during a trip to Disneyland. More than that, her mother actually approves of the liaison. There is in fact nothing perverse or unnatural about their relationship at all, since the little girl is not (if appearances are to be believed) a little girl, and the forbidden fruit is revealed to be as wholesome as apple pie.

If the author had been content to explore the moral ambiguities of her scenario, this might have been a better book. However, it is at this point that she seems almost to take fright at the implications of what she has been saying. Suddenly, the narrative lurches into the surreal. Jeremy becomes involved with a female magician, who performs non-tricks for which she is enthusiastically applauded and eventually killed by her fans. Sara grows a beard, takes up hang-gliding and mutilates goldfish. She develops a brain tumour, but is saved from a lingering death by a timely car accident.

One can only assume that there is some kind of symbolic meaning in all this — whatever it is, the author has not succeeded in conveying it.

Summoned by the muezzin

Matthew d'Ancona

LIVING ISLAM
By Akbar S. Ahmed
BBC Books, £15.99

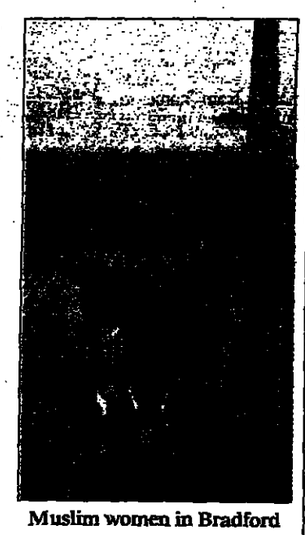
MORAL SPOTLIGHT ON BRADFORD
By Mohammed Siddique
M.S. Press, £7.99

Hatred has its own maps and bitter boundaries. Just as the Berlin Wall divided the free world from the communist bloc until 1989, so the four-year-old fatwa on Salman Rushdie has become the wall that divides Islam from the secular West. The trouble is that the wall is not physical: Muslim and westerner live side by side in a nervous quest for co-existence.

In Britain, the roots of the 1400-year-old faith are deep, as the Cambridge academic Akbar Ahmed explains. Although the major influx of Muslims to this country took place after the second world war, when Britain was hungry for cheap labour, there was a mosque in Woking as early as 1889 and in Liverpool by 1891. A century later, relations between the two cultures, host and immigrant, are more abrasive than ever, inflamed by the Rushdie affair, the politics of the far right and the conflict of interests that faces young Muslims growing up in the West.

As a layman's guide to Islam, Ahmed's beautifully illustrated book, which accompanied his BBC television series, will be hard to better. Like Edward Said, he seeks to combat the demonisation of Muslims in the West and explore the many layers of the faith which have inspired mystical poetry, esoteric Sufi thought and spectacular architecture as well as fatwas, riots and brutal social injustice. Until the West discards its stereotypes and Muslims learn to respect the legacy of the Enlightenment, he concludes, there will always be discord. His demand that basic knowledge of Islam be taught in Western schools and vice versa in Muslim schools, for example, should be heeded by those who are re-casting the national curriculum.

Mohammed Siddique's book is an unusual work of micro-politics, complementing Ahmed's global brushstrokes with a detailed portrait of Bradford's 60,000 Muslims, who have been in the front line of the row over *The Satanic Verses*. This is no work of literature. But in its chapters on the extended Muslim family or *biraderi*, the different political factions within the Islamic community, and Muslims' sexual mores, there are invaluable insights into a distinct culture which nestles uneasily in Britain's inner cities. Siddique's ideas are all the more interesting because they are rooted in conversations with friends or overheard in Bradford cafes.



Muslim women in Bradford

Both books illustrate the scope for ceasefires between cultures at war, but they also betray the more profound divisions which cannot be appeased out of existence. Though he values much in the West, Siddique has little grasp of its notion of rights and freedoms, confusing them with custom and ancestral tradition. "The ritual sacrifice of animals is part of the practice of both Jews and Muslims here," he writes, "and is, therefore, their right." Likewise, his concept of free speech — essentially, speech consistent with Islam — is remote from any Western definition. Ahmed, too, occasionally exaggerates the intersection of secular and Islamic cultures: the fact that Muslim women have "much to say in the running of the household" is scarcely to the point.

Both writers at least are able to write and publish without fear of violence. The same is not true of Rushdie, who, when I met him earlier this year, told me of plans for a book about the details of his years in hiding and the security arrangements which protected him from assassination: a book which cannot appear as long as his life is under threat. Others must write for Rushdie until he is truly free.

Centre of the sexual universe

Sarah Johnson

PLEASURE
The Truth about Female Sexuality
By Margaret Leroy
HarperCollins, £15.99

Kama, Hindu god of love, rides a mare made of women, from *Tantra: the search for ecstasy* by Indra Sinha (Hamlyn, £14.99)

Why *Pleasure*? Pain, fear and disappointment seem to be far more important in what the 55 women interviewed for this book have to say about their sexual experiences and feelings. Women complain so much about sex that it is a wonder men bother to go to bed with them at all.

Margaret Leroy is coy about her methodology. Fifty-five is hardly a population sample, and few are quoted at length — the ones whose words fit her conclusions, I suspect. But if her judgment is correct, women's sexual experience is at odds with the pattern set by the world, that is, according to the orthodox feminism of *Pleasure*, by men.

Leroy charts the lifecycle of female sexuality with sensitivity and a fresh, ever-questioning mind. The journey begins in childhood either with the accidental discovery of masturbation or else some horrific episode of abuse by an adult. Society does not like girls to masturbate (too independent), so this trick is brainwashed away by the time women reach maturity.

Nor does society like child sex abuse, so, until recent years, women have been encouraged to forget such memories or were told they had imagined them. The "forgetting" of girlhood sexual experiences goes hand-in-hand with our tendency to teach children jolly little names for boys' genitals but to leave girls' genitals unnamed.

Young, single women — the ones men find most attractive — are in fact routinely faking orgasms. Their sexiness is, Leroy implies, a gigantic con. She holds that most women find penetrative sex to be of limited pleasure. Pregnant women feel sexy but, according to Leroy, men do not fancy them. As mothers, they are so overwhelmed by the "sensuousness of mothering" that they do not fancy men any more.

In middle and later life, women feel more sexually responsive than they have for years. But "patriarchal" society demands that they be "holy and godly matrons". This is the true shape of women's sexuality, argues Leroy: and it is almost invisible in the public images of sexual behaviour that are familiar to us all.

She blames patriarchy, of course: it is men who have put their own sexual desires and fantasies at the centre of the sexual universe and pushed women's out. If you doubt this theory, and at first I did, take a look at sex education books for teenagers. You will find that most of them normally explain the male orgasm in detail, but omit to mention the pleasure of women in any but the vaguest terms.

Leroy is not breaking new ground, but her contribution is a practical one: to probe the feelings of ordinary women of all ages. She treats with respect their weakness and naivety; with wisdom surpassing the early feminists, she values motherhood as part of women's lives and sexual identity.

On the way, she robustly attacks the rise and rise of sado-masochism, and her savaging of Dr Alex Comfort's bestselling *Joy of Sex* — the book that lists children under "Problems" — is delightful. But is she right to condemn men for developing a patriarchal sexual culture? Is she not overlooking the original purpose of sex? Patriarchy implies fatherhood, and fatherhood implies children. Leroy believes that the "eroticism of fertility" — she calls it the "father of my child" fantasy, common among women — is not shared by men.

On the contrary: to have children men need to be attracted to healthy young females and they need to want to have sexual intercourse with them. Leroy is angry with men for being obsessed with both these patriarchal habits. But if men instead switched course and fitted in with the female sexual agenda — or Leroy's theory of it — we would all be in a terrible pickle.

Does Wimbledon pass the cricket test?

Aisling Foster

EAST OF WIMBLEDON
By Nigel Williams
Faber, £14.95

What is funny? In many parts of Britain jokes about "wimmin" create an embarrassed silence. Jews alone may laugh at themselves, and finding comedy in gays, our physical deformities, or Chinese waiters only exposes the ignorance of a tabloid mind. Why then has Nigel Williams selected Islam as the butt of his latest comic novel? Has political correctness not yet penetrated east of Wimbledon? Or is this the first sign of a backlash, a Union Jack raised above the bunkers and bar rooms of little England?

Certainly, Williams is a very English funny writer. His wit depends on three premises: that the country's heart beats in the suburbs: that English equals eccentric and individualistic; and that all foreigners are mad. In this novel he has returned to the leafy territory of earlier works to confront the changing face of SW19. An increasing population from the Indian sub-continent has taken over business in the high street, elbowing out its original, now unemployed inhabitants to wander about the common.

Robert Wilson, unskilled son of redundant, liberal parents, is a stock English comic hero: a study in failure. He seeks employment with the new order, as a teacher in the Wimbledon Independent Islamic Boys' Day School. The small lie which secures his place, that he is a convert to Islam, snowballs through the book and finally destroys him. Rolling alongside, and eventually smothering the joke, is his doggedly ignorant view of Islam and all its works. Dodging fatwas, breakaway sects and quotes from holy works only confirm the impression that Muslims are bigoted, corrupt and nasty.

Yet, despite its risky angle, this might have been a funny book. Williams has drawn on standard ingredients reminiscent of Waugh and Wodehouse, but in his hands they turn into cliché characters: Christian, Muslim or home-grown agnostic, they seem hardly worth caring about. There is similar carelessness with plot: at one high point, when the cretinous Robert is spying on a religious meeting, the chapter blacks out abruptly as he is knocked over the head. The story resumes some months later, with only cursory references to how he got out of his scrape.

Malik, the headmaster, is the only complete character, weaving colonial English phrases redolent of Pimm's and cucumber sandwiches with images of a swarthy charlatan. The idea may illustrate his superior ability to adapt to the modern world, but it is not enough. Robert's girlfriend, Maisie, barely exists at all, despite references to her physical endowments and vociferous embrace of Islam. More interesting are the novel's Greek chorus of Anglo-Saxon dog walkers and twitchers, or the Machiavellian schoolkeeper, who may also be the serial dog killer stalking the common.

In the end, Robert's frustration with religious silliness boils over at parents' day, delivering a long and unstoppable diatribe on the awfulness of their faith. As a well-tried climax to farce, the idea is amusing, and perhaps Williams wrote it as such. Was it then scored through by Faber's lawyers fearful of a real-life fatwa?

Whatever happened, the humour is lost in chunks of indirect speech in which Robert rails against Allah, the Prophet Muhammad and all his followers. Fair game, some might say, when a fellow British writer is under threat of assassination for far milder observations. But Salman Rushdie wrote from an informed Muslim background. When Williams plays black humour "safe", he sounds like the average saloon-bar bigot.

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Norman Stone considers the successes and failures of one man's single-minded campaign to bring Nazi war criminals to justice

On the trail of wickedness

THE WIESENTHAL FILE
By Alan Levy
Constable, £18.95

The story that Alan Levy has to tell is one of the great stories of the later 20th century: how the Nazi war criminals got away, and how they were eventually tracked down. Levy is a journalist with much experience in Central Europe, and his long book does justice to the theme. It includes the famous and well-documented cases such as Eichmann, Stangl, Mengele, but it alludes to many others, including Kurt Waldheim.

The linking thread in it is Simon Wiesenthal, a camp survivor who made it his life's work to track down the criminals.

Josef Mengele was characteristic of those who got away. He slipped out of Auschwitz, where he had been conducting genetic experiments, just before the Russians captured it. His family tucked him away in a Bavarian forest, under a pseudonym, as a farm-labourer. Then he was packed off down a trail through the Italian Tyrol and Genoa, where he acquired a Red Cross passport for the Argentine.

Others also got help from their families, and in some cases a Catholic network. Once in Latin America, they were, for several years, safe from prosecution: Mengele even registered in his own name. Then in 1960, the Israelis kidnapped Adolf Eichmann and put him on trial; Mengele and others shifted north, first (and, despite rumour, only briefly) to Paraguay and then to Brazil. There, for 20 years, Mengele lived a life typical of other war criminals on the run.

The only thing that he cared about was small sums of money, and inflation in *cruzeiros* must have made him sleepless. Otherwise, there were just crafty-stupid landladies, their brat-like children who were resistant to Germanic discipline, and Brazilian soap-operas. His wife left him and married a decent social democrat who brought up Mengele's son as his own. Finally, in 1979, he died while swimming.

Soon after his release from the camps Wiesenthal decided to stay on in Austria, hunting down these men. He had a nose for a story, and he had an idea where to track down the war criminals' families. Simply by shadowing them, or getting his agents to do it, he might hit upon the trail. Having interviewed Wiesenthal at length, Levy describes this early period well.

But though he had instinct and contacts, Wiesenthal ran a hand-to-mouth organisation — dependent on donations from non-Jewish Dutch people, and then more and more on local Austrian and German assistance. Relations with Austria became very complicated once its leading post-war social democratic Chancellor, the late Bruno Kreisky, became involved. Here was a Viennese Jew who said that the Jews were not a people, or if they were, they were "a lousy people". Kreisky presided over a cabinet that contained several former Nazis, and even collaborated with an ex-officer of the SS *Einsatzkommandos* that had gone round Russia in 1941 shooting Jews. Kreisky's relations with Wiesenthal became very strained.

Wiesenthal: fireless hunter

But Wiesenthal's relations with the Israelis were not very good, either. The Israeli ambassador in Paraguay dismissed Wiesenthal's endless Mengele-hunting as a simple device to extract money. Even when Mengele was demonstrably dead (the story came out in 1985, when his papers were made available, and his son was interviewed), Wiesenthal claimed that he was still alive. This, to anyone involved in the affair, was just flogging a dead horse. However, there was one horse that still had a strange life: Kurt Waldheim. Levy tells this tale very well, hinting at its dirty depths.

Waldheim was that 20th-century phenomenon, the ambitious mediocrity. He had gone along with the Nazis, fought in their war, lifted the coats off his generals' backs, and shined their shoes. He was much too young to have had any real responsibility for war crimes, but on the other hand, as a staff-officer he must have known about them. Yet in his various books he suppressed his own record altogether.

Waldheim's enemies, in Austrian and United Nations politics, were numerous. At the UN, as secretary-general, he had appeased anyone with clout — militant Arabs, Soviet tanks in Prague. He lied and weaseled even when his interviewers had documentary evidence in their hands. When found out he refused to resign, first as the leading conservative candidate, then as president. Wiesenthal came to his defence, and himself got into hot water with the World Jewish Congress in New York, which led the attack upon Waldheim. There was some further tacking, once the extent of Waldheim's mendacity became clear, and Wiesenthal ended up with a difficult relationship with official Austria.

Levy, though an admirer of Wiesenthal, admits critical notes often enough, and quotes Israelis who felt that he was too inclined towards the sort of media issue that can generate columns and columns, contributing so much per line, and heat rather than light. Whether these criticisms are right or wrong, Wiesenthal has played his part in a disturbing episode of post-war history. He deserves this readable and intelligent book.

Torment behind net curtains

Derwent May

MURDER IN THE HEART
By Alexandra Artley
Hamish Hamilton, £14.99

Some readers may not get beyond the beginning of Alexandra Artley's book. It starts with the corpse of a murdered man, and the author has thrown all she has into her description, based on police photographs. In the first photo, she peers through two enormous circular wounds beneath the man's heart into "a glistening mush of maroon organs". In the next, "for visibility, Dr Tap had neatly sawn off the rib-bones on one side, as if some horrid kind of chops were in the making ... Rembrandt's famous still life of the hanging ox carcass came to mind, along with totally unsuitable Meat Marketing Board slogans like slam in the lamb."

What follows is more of a psychological horror story than one of bones and gore, but everywhere it is draped with similar imagery. This is the style that used to be called "baroque", until we realised that the fanciful convolutions of the baroque had a deep rationale behind them — unlike Artley's.

However, she has an amazing story to tell, and in the end tells it well — there is an underlying core to the book of good plain prose. The corpse was that of Tommy Thompson, a Lancashire man who was killed by two shotgun wounds, one fired by each of his daughters, as he lay in an epileptic fit in their house in Preston. The daughters, who were in their late thirties, were convicted of murder, but were only sentenced to two years' imprisonment, suspended. "Your life has been a form of torment," the judge told them. "You have taken your punishment before the event."

It was one of the first cases in which prolonged suffering — as opposed to a sudden event — was accepted legally as constituting provocation, and the judgment remains controversial.

Artley clearly won the confidence of the two women, and of their mother, who was also present at the shooting. She visited scenes of the mother's earlier life with her, and took a modest hotel room in Preston where she could talk quietly to the older daughter, June. The women wrote out accounts of their lives for her and showed her their diaries, and she also makes good use of these.

Tommy Thompson married Hilda Hartley in 1951. He worked in a bleach works, she had hitherto worked in a soap factory. They had an afternoon honeymoon in Blackpool, returning to live in her mother's house in Chorley. Three days later he hit her for the first time — hard, on the side of the face.

There follows a history of almost 40 years of sadism. They moved from home to home, with Tommy doing up houses and reselling them. Day and night, Tommy made his wife feel his power over her, organising each household on military lines and hitting or kicking her for the least error in observing the rules.

Two daughters quickly came along but Hilda was not allowed to cuddle them when he was there. They had pets, but that usually gave them more agony than pleasure: a dog was sold for a moment's disobedience, a cat drowned and the younger daughter forced to hold the lid on the bread-crock full of water as it died. Hilda was prevented from going to see her mother on the night she died. Tommy carried out an abortion on her himself. When Hilda was hit, the girls were forced to watch and smile.

One afternoon, when June was about 12, Tommy sent the two others out to a jumble sale, and raped her in her bed. He used her as his mistress after that for the next 25 years.

The girls went out to work in textile factories but had to wear wedding rings and tell the other girls that this was to show that they were not interested in boys. When Tommy became epileptic his violence grew worse. He was killed on a day when Hilda was about to be taken to hospital for depression; something snapped in the two girls.

How and why did it all happen? No explanation seems possible of the handsome Tommy, with his "Ribera eyes" as Artley puts it. He was "always wilful", said his mother. Maybe he had been sexually abused; all we know is that he declared as soon as he married that he was going to do everything he wanted to, and he did.

The women were in some sense willing victims. Hilda, looking back, wrote that she was a "quiet person" and that "Tommy must have Targetted me out as his wife whom he could Domineer". Perhaps one can point some finger of blame at the deep-seated English need to live privately and keep up appearances. The children always smiled obediently in photographs, and under their father's instruction kept diaries in which not a hint appeared of anything being wrong. But in the last resort they were subdued by terrible physical fear.

Why do we have a book on this tragic family? There is one very good reason: Hilda herself said to Artley: "When the book's finished — I'll be free of him." There has been a therapeutic reward for them all in at last speaking out and being heard. As for the rest of us, it is perhaps a kind of voyeurism to read about the Thompsons — yet their life story does open the imagination and touch some deep feelings.

One goes on being irritated by Artley's absurd metaphors, perhaps the most grotesque of which is her description of washing on the line in a back alley as "a veritable Cowes of drying sheets". But one is impressed, too, by her thoroughness. Among her fireworks there are some steady white lights that illuminate a very dark place.

ROBIN ALLISON SMITH

After the murder trial: June (left) and Hilda Thompson with their mother. Their case was one of the first in which prolonged suffering was accepted legally as provocation

Private grief in the public domain

Julia Neuberger

EATING CHILDREN
Young Dreams and Early Nightmares
By Jill Tweedie
Viking, £15.99

MOLL
The Making of Molly Parkin
By Molly Parkin
Gollancz, £15.99

Unless an autobiographer has been involved in affairs of state, there is so little material about which to be objective that it automatically requires a great baring of the soul. Jill Tweedie's journalism is outstanding, her campaigning memorable. But her story of her childhood and her terrible parents, sad though it is, has little general application. It would have made a better novel than autobiography, and some of the pain would have been easier to read and absorb.

Parkin: numerous lovers

Take the account of the break-up of the first of her three marriages. Her parents — her father particularly — behaved with unbending lack of sympathy. She was to go back where she belonged. She was what her husband had called her, a whore. He put the telephone down on her. The pain leaps off the page. The climax comes with her husband taking the children, leaving her alone, and nearly destitute.

Years later, both parents die. Until they were too old to resent for their lack of love, there was little contact. After their deaths, Jill Tweedie broke down. There was nothing left to rebel against. These are powerful emotions, vividly portrayed. But the book is more catharsis for her than enlightenment for us. There is too little of an objective journey for us to feel other than that the book, beautifully written though it is, is an expression of her need to tell, not ours to know.

The same is true of Molly Parkin. Once again, this is a personal journey, an account of degradation, sex, drink, more drink, more sex, and a collapse into near bankruptcy, near suicide. We read about husbands, two; lovers, innumerable; drink, gallons; jobs, many and varied. But underlying this is the story of the girl from Pontycymmer in Wales, who needed her mother near her, whose love for her grandparents was unending.

That section of the book is impressive. Her grandparents — deeply religious, gentle, loving people — looked after her. She slept between them in their big bed. When her grandmother died, and her grandfather had disappeared, she knew where he would be; she found him. She felt unqualified love from them, the love she found it hard to gain from her difficult father, and her mentally unstable mother. The image of Pontycymmer stayed with her wherever she went; much later she returned home to paint.

Tweedie: three marriages

Parts of Parkin's account are deeply moving, particularly those about Barbara, her cousin without a neck, and her grandparents. Parts are irritating, particularly those about London low-life alongside Francis Bacon and Peter Langan. Some sections read like her novels; some explicit sex scenes people may find distasteful. Though an ardent feminist, she earns part of her living by sleeping with wealthy old men. This both shocks and amuses; but one does wonder why it was necessary to have three of them on the go at the same time, and why we need to know so much of what happened between the sheets.

Parkin has fought a long battle with alcohol, and won. She is a changed woman, a respectable agony aunt, a teetotaller; still elegant, still witty. She has become religious too, but then that was always on the cards: so were her adored grandparents. What she fails to do is to explain to the readers why what she is writing is important.

When Germaine Greer wrote of her search for her father in *Daddy, We Hardly Knew You* she managed to draw a picture of someone who had faded from her memory, who had left them all behind. Neither Jill Tweedie nor Molly Parkin manage to give us quite that sense of a newly discovered identity, or truth. For that reason, though Tweedie moves us and Parkin makes us laugh, the most important thing we learn from their autobiographies is that they both needed to write them, for themselves.

Addict of the writing cure

Ian McIntyre

THE LANGUAGE OF AUTOBIOGRAPHY
Studies in the first person singular
By John Sturrock
Cambridge University Press, £35

Autobiography as defined by Quentin Crisp is "an obituary in serial form with the last instalment missing". I suspect that the author of this new study of the *genre* would purse his lips at such banality. "Should we feel bad when we theorise about autobiography?" John Sturrock asks. His own answer to this rather precious question is "yes", but that does not deter him from conducting us on a highly theoretical mystery tour around two dozen or so adepts of this "universal activity of self-promotion".

Sturrock is in search of a theory of autobiography. This is not an item of intellectual baggage that I greatly covet for myself, but I suppose we must move with the structuralist and post-structuralist times, and Sturrock is an experienced marshal. He spent long years with the *TLS* and has written not only about structuralism but also about Jorge Luis Borges and the French new novel.

The author does not tell us what he will do with his theory if he is lucky enough to find it, but he is an erudite companion, and his quest takes us through a richly varied range of literary landscapes. He starts from the assumption that anyone who embarks on a narration of their life "is willing its transformation from a lived farrago into a thought whole". Anyone simple-minded enough to believe that autobiography is simply the story of one's life written by oneself should get off here and wait for a train stopping at all stations. "It is a text", writes Sturrock, "that seeks to draw us into itself without reservations and one which we are invited to read as being sanctioned by a 'metaphysics of presence'."

Sturrock begins with St Augustine, inevitably: the *Confessions*, "because of the extraordinary coherence of its structure", he sees as a paradigm of all autobiographical stories. Others he pauses to consider on the way include those of Abelard and Cellini, Vico and Gibbon, Rousseau and Stendhal. He ends, 1,600 years later, with the French writer Michel Leiris.

Leiris underwent analysis in his late twenties after what Sturrock tells us were "a number of episodes of sexual impotence, debauchery and masochism, including a half-hearted attempt to castrate himself". The "talking cure" having failed, he turned to the "writing cure", thus assuming both parts of the therapeutic dialogue — that of traumatised patient and probing physician. This went on — unsuccessfully, as it happens — for more than 50 years, and Sturrock permits himself a mild joke: "Did Freud himself not warn of the potential addictiveness of the analytical situation?"

Whether the result can properly be described as autobiographical is debatable, but then so is almost everything else in the Leirisian *oeuvre* — he seems to have been almost as much of a joker as Picasso and did, after all, entitle an essay explaining his literary intentions "Literature considered as bullfighting".

"Leiris", Sturrock writes gravely, "challenges any naive belief we might hold that whoever writes an autobiography does so out of exuberance." (He also, to be fair, suggests that his work might more accurately be described as autopsychography).

Sturrock can turn a memorably lucid phrase, as when he writes of the Surrealists as "the most truculent if not necessarily the best-informed Freudians in France". He can also be sensationally rebarbative: "Perhaps we have been sanctioned by Nature to pursue our sublunary individuation, in order to fulfil ... the scientific axiom that ontogeny recapitulates phylogeny."

He claims that by the standards of the day, the studies in his book are theoretical "in only a mild way". He acknowledges the existence of "the theorist's hypothetical Other, the Common Reader", but one senses behind the courteous capital letters (or could they be ironic?) something of the attitude which officers on horseback traditionally entertain towards foot soldiers. No matter. The book offers a handsome bonus for any hypothetical Others who also enjoy a mean game of Scrabble: soterial, cathexis, enantiodromia, apodeictic — who could wish for deadlier verbal equivalents of bodyline bowling?

There is one curious omission. The intellectual roots of structuralism are generally accepted to lie not only in the linguistics of Saussure but also in the work of the Russian formalists of the revolutionary period, and yet the author has not included a single Russian in his two dozen examples — no mention of Tolstoy or Dostoevsky, not a word about Herzen or Kropotkin. They were all grand masters of the art. This Common Reader found it surprising that, in his search for the "deep, hidden continuities of autobiographical writing", Sturrock should not have consulted them.

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Italians set off as hot favourites

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

AFTER carrying off both the Two Ton Cup and One Ton series last week, the Italian team sets sail from Cowes today as favourite to win the Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup for the first time in the 36-year history of the event. This biennial classic, which concludes with a 605-mile Fastnet race starting from Cowes on August 7, marks a watershed in offshore racing, for this year is probably the last we will see yachts designed exclusively to the International Offshore Rule (IOR) competing at such a high level.

For the Italians, the suicide last week of Raul Gardini also marks the end of an era. For the past six years, the former head of Ferruzzi paid for Paul Cayard's successful campaigns at maxi, America's Cup and 50-foot levels. What effect his death has on the team remains to be seen, but on their performance last week, Cayard's one-tonner, Brava Q8, and Larouge, the Two Ton cup winner, skippered by Guiseppe Degennaro, are the boats to beat.

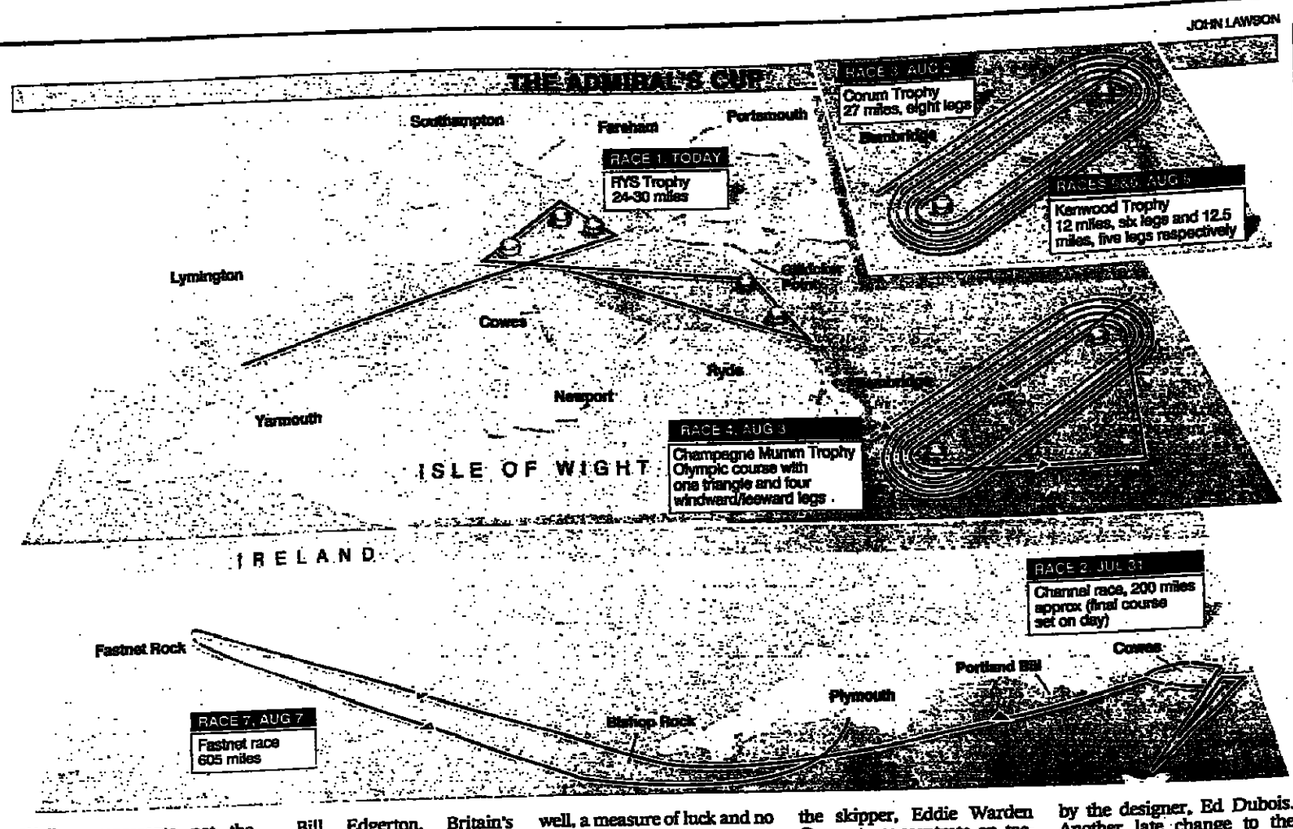
This year for the first time, the three-boat teams discard the worst result from each race, a concept drawn up to encourage more countries to take part. Numbers have risen to eight, one more than the 1991 event won by the French, but still a far cry from the record 19 nations that came to Cowes during the 1970s.

The recession, coupled with the crippling cost of racing these top-flight IOR designs, have conspired to all but sink the sport to a level where the majority of yachts racing in this Champagne Mumm series are either chartered or second hand.

There was a time when trialists for the British team numbered more than 20 and crews began working up as early as February. This year, the team led by Graham Walker, represents not the Royal Ocean Racing Club, the British national authority, but the Crusade Yacht Club, a private group without a clubhouse, which came together for the first time just over a fortnight ago.

Bill Edgerton, Britain's hard-working offshore coach, said: "It's going to be a very close series, but we have a good team, good boats and the best sailors in the UK shared out equally among the yachts. All we need is for them to sail well, a measure of luck and no breakages."

After the ragged performance of Walker's Indulgence during the 50-foot World Cup regatta last week, Chris Law has been brought into the team as helmsman to allow the skipper, Eddie Warden Owen, to concentrate on tactics. Peter Morton, responsible for chartering GBE, the one-tonner in the British team, has jumped ship to act as navigator on the 50-footer and has been replaced on his own boat by the designer, Ed Dubois. Another late change to the Indulgence line-up is the dropping of John Boyce, a victim of the maximum crew weight limit. He is replaced by the petite Kate Whowell, who tips the scales at 48kg.



Programme

Today
Royal Yacht Squadron Trophy
Solent Course. Start: 11.30. Distance: 24-30 miles.

Saturday
Channel Race
Start: 14.00 off Cowes. Distance: 200 miles.

Monday
Corum Trophy Race
Windward/leeward course set in Hayling Bay. Start: 11.30. Distance: 27 miles.

Tuesday
Champagne Mumm Trophy
Olympic type course set in Hayling Bay. Start: 11.30. Distance: 28 miles.

Thursday
Kenwood Trophy races
Two windward/leeward courses set in Hayling Bay. First start: 11.30. Distance of each race: 12 miles.

Saturday
Fastnet race
Cowes to Plymouth via the Fastnet and Bishop Rocks. Start: 13.30. Distance: 605 miles.

Crews
AUSTRALIA (captain: Syd Fischer): Raggamuffin, Great News II, Ninja.
FRANCE (Luc Gellesseau): Corum Saphir, Corum Rubis, Corum Diament.
GERMANY (Hans-Otto Schumann): Container, Rubin, Pinta.
HOLLAND (Bart Doll): Promotion, Ace.
ITALY (Giorgio Carrero): Mandrake, Larouge, Brava Q 8.
IRELAND (John Storey): Jameson III, Jameson II, Jameson I.
JAPAN (captain: Mark Morita): Champosa, Swing, Nipon.
UNITED KINGDOM (captain: Graham Walker): Indulgence, Provezza Source, GBE International.

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Smith tunes for record attempt

BY MIKE ROSEWELL, ROWING CORRESPONDENT

GRAHAM Smith, a saxophone player from Westminster School, will attempt to make British rowing history in the world junior championships, which begin in Norway next week.

Smith spearheads the Great Britain team that leaves for Oslo tomorrow and will be aiming for his third successive medal, a feat never achieved in British junior rowing. If he succeeds, he will better the record of Greg Searle, the Olympic champion, who won two junior gold medals for Britain in 1989 and 1990.

Smith once again rows in the coxless four, which is coached for the third year by Bruce Grainger. He is accompanied by two Etonians, Edward Coode and Henry Cobbe, and Kingston Grammar School's 14½-stone ergometer expert, Simon Burmester.

Mark Banks, the junior national coach, considers that the team of seven boys' and two girls' crews is "one of Britain's strongest ever". His opinion is supported by the fact that the B team won both the male and female sections of the Coupe de la Jeunesse for the first time in its nine-year history a fortnight ago in Vichy against seven other European teams, although the Germans were notable absentees.

The coxless four, coxed four and eight include the top rowers and are considered by Banks to have the best medal potential; the quad, after greater British concentration on sculling in recent years, has produced fast times in training.

Britain has never won an international medal at junior women's level but Elizabeth Henshilwood, of Bedford, like Smith appearing in her third championships, might come close this year in the coxless pair with Tessa Morris, from the successful Lady Eleanor Holles stable.

The selection process adopted this year began well before Christmas with "identification trials" over the whole country and has produced a varied formation of crews from 15 schools and six clubs. Included in the selection are Gavin Mitchell and Edward Ball, from King's, Chester, in the eight and coxless pair: the pair tasted glory at Henley as winners of the Visitor's Cup against adult opposition.

Christopher Hugill, an outstanding young sculler from Durham, gets his first junior international vest at 15, younger than Smith when he won his first gold in 1991.

British team

Men

Eight: bow, W Baker; G Mitchell, D Bristow, L Hoare, M Hamilton, S Pemberton, P Alexander; stroke, P Baker; cox, A Greaney. Coach: M Partridge. Coxed pair: bow, D Burton; stroke, A Scarlett; cox, P Young. Coach: P Hubbard. Coxed four: bow, G Lovett; P Simmons, J Hall; stroke, M Silcock; cox, K Wyman. Coach: M Woodcock. Coxless four: bow, E Coode; H Cobbe, S Burmester; stroke, G Smith. Coach: B Grainger. Coxless pair: bow, R Terrett; stroke, E Ball. Coach: N Orme. Quad: bow, K Pipris, I Weighell, S Trapmore; stroke, G Davis. Coach: N Wears. Double scull: bow, D Smith; stroke, C Hugill. Coach: D Johnson.
Reserves: M Louzado (Kingston Grammar), P Agace (Radley).

Women

Coxless pair: bow, E Henshilwood; stroke, T Morris. Coach: L Sheppard. Double scull: bow, M Stevens; stroke, C Fox. Coach: I South.

Greg Searle: double gold

Nigerian football party in hiding

BY JOHN HOPKINS

THE young players from Nigeria cut quite a dash in the world's largest football tournament when it was held in Gothenburg last week. The Swedes warmed to the entertaining football the Africans played.

Now they have made a name for themselves in another way. They have made a dash for freedom, and are being referred to in Swedish papers as "the lost soccer team".

Yesterday morning more than three-quarters of the 17-man squad remained at large in different parts of Sweden. Three team members had given themselves up to the police.

The Ugbowo Bombers, made up of boys aged between 15 and 17, had come to Sweden to compete in the Gothia Cup, which ended last Friday. According to a plan that was made in advance, they went to a disco to mark the conclusion of the tournament, and then vanished to different parts of Sweden. The whereabouts of 14 of them remain unknown.

"They won't get permission to stay in Sweden," a government spokesman said. "If they have not given themselves up by Friday, then we will put out warrants for their arrest."

☐ Southampton's request for a greater slice of the profit made by Tottenham Hotspur on Neil Ruddock was rejected by the Football League yesterday. The defender moved to Liverpool for £2.5 million, a year after a tribunal set his valuation at £750,000 when he joined Tottenham. Southampton were entitled to 20 per cent of future profit and a League spokesman said: "There is no chance of the verdict being changed."

England will play United States on February 5, either at Tampa or Orlando in Florida, as part of a 15-match schedule announced yesterday by the United States federation in their build-up to the World Cup finals, which they host next year. England were beaten 2-0 by the United States when they met in Boston last month.

Frank Rijkaard, the Holland international, has returned home from AC Milan after signing for Ajax.

Swindon Townhave signed Adrian Whitbread, of Leyton Orient, for £500,000.

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Boston Celtics captain collapses after doctors disagree over heart condition

Basketball superstar dies on court

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ONE of the outstanding players in the American National Basketball Association (NBA) died on court on Tuesday evening, almost exactly three months after an earlier collapse seemed to have ended his career.

Reggie Lewis, 27, the starting forward for the Boston Celtics, died on Tuesday evening. He collapsed while warming up for a practice game at Brandeis University, near Boston. Witnesses said they saw the 6ft 7in Lewis on his back "gasping for air" at the practice court.

Amir Weiss, a Brandeis student, said Lewis sat up, held his knees and seemed alert shortly after collapsing, but then suddenly blacked out again, stopped breathing and was found to have lost his pulse. "People were holding him up, and he would slurp air irregularly, taking a couple of breaths at a time. And then he just stopped breathing," Weiss said.

Emergency medical technicians were unable to resuscitate him. Lewis was taken to hospital where he was pronounced dead shortly afterwards. No official announcement has been made by Waltham-Weston hospital as to the cause of death.

On April 29, Lewis, who was the Celtics captain and leading scorer, had collapsed during a nationally-televised play-off game against the Charlotte Hornets. He did not play again in the series, which the Celtics lost, and his medical condition became the subject of front-page newspaper speculation when two teams of doctors made different diagnoses.

After 48 hours of tests, a group of heart specialists convened by the Celtics at New England Baptist Hospital said Lewis suffered from cardiomyopathy, a potentially life-threatening disease of the heart muscle that causes the heart to beat less vigorously. Cardiomyopathy had been blamed in a similar case when Hank Gathers, a player for a college basketball team, Loyola Marymount, collapsed during a game in March, 1990, and died within two hours.

His family later settled a law suit against the university and one of the doctors who treated him for $1.5 million (about £1 million).

After Lewis experienced his first attack the Celtics' team doctor, Dr Arnold Scheller, indicated his basketball career would probably be over. However, Lewis switched to Brigham and Women's Hospital, where after tests it was said that his problem was a nerve condition.

The condition was described as a neurocardiogenic syncope, in which the nerves trigger the heart to slow instead of speed during peak exercise. The ailment, the doctors said, was treatable with medication.

Dr Gilbert Mudge, director of clinical cardiology at Brigham and Women's, said Lewis had a "normal athlete's heart with normal function" and said that he was optimistic Lewis could eventually return to basketball. He conceded at the time there was conflicting information.

Neither Scheller nor Mudge were available for comment on Tuesday. Lewis had not participated in any team practices since his collapse on April 29. After that episode, Lewis said he was scared and "started having flashbacks to that Hank Gathers thing".

Lewis, who was being paid $3.3 million (about £2.2 million) a year by the Celtics, is survived by his wife, Donna Harris, and a son, Reggie Jr.

Lewis's death is the second to occur within the NBA in less than two months. On June 7, Drazen Petrovic, a Croation playing for the New Jersey Nets, was killed in a car accident.

The tragedy is also the second to strike the Celtics in recent years. Len Bias, died after taking cocaine in 1986 celebrating his selection by the team in the college draft.

Lewis did not participate in the Celtics rookie-free agent camp from July 11 to 14, although he attended some sessions. He was not part of the Celtics group that played in a summer league that ended on Sunday in New York.

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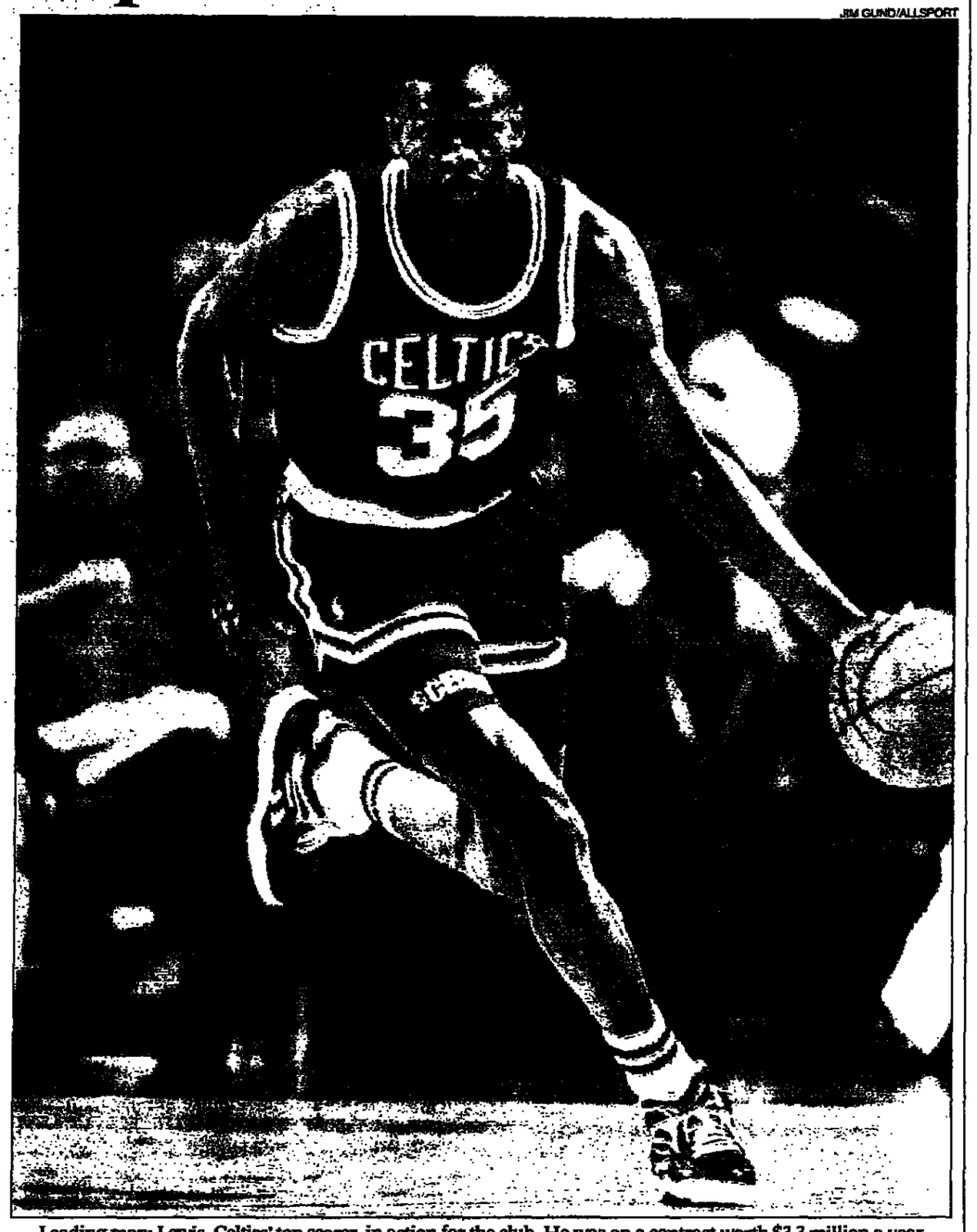

Leading man: Lewis, Celtics' top scorer, in action for the club. He was on a contract worth $3.3 million a year

SPORT IN BRIEF

Records tumble again to Jackson

COLIN Jackson broke his European and Commonwealth 110 metres hurdles record at an international meeting in Sestriere, Italy, yesterday with a time of 12.97sec, just 0.05sec outside the world record.

With the world championships in Stuttgart just over two weeks away, Jackson confirmed his domination of the event this season, beating an eight-man field which included the Olympic champion, Mark McKoy, who finished last in 13.75sec. The winning time bettered Jackson's previous mark of 13.04sec, which he set in Cologne last August. "I'm obviously very pleased with the performance and more than satisfied with the time," he said.

McKoy, meanwhile, could be missing from the world championships after refusing to take part in the Canadian trials this weekend. "I have a letter at home telling me that if I don't go to the trials then I won't be on the Canadian team," he said. "But I'm not going. I've achieved what I wanted to in the sport and if they don't want me to compete in the world championships that's their loss."

Tranfield shows mettle

SQUASH: Jenny Tranfield of Yorkshire, the England No 2, yesterday restored the morale of her squad at the world junior women's championships in Kuala Lumpur with a fiercely committed 41-minute 9-6, 9-8, 9-3 quarter-final win over the European junior champion, Silke Bartel, of Germany, the No 1 seed.

With the rest of the England players dismissed from the defence of the title, dominated by England for eight of the past ten years, Tranfield, 18 of the Abbeydale Club in Sheffield, was determined to keep England in the competition. "I didn't want to go down in history as one of the players that just let the title go," she said. "I lost to Silke in three short games in the European semi-finals but I knew I could beat her over a more extended contest."

The win takes Tranfield to a semi-final against Sarah Cook, the No 4 seed, of New Zealand.

Tims goes through

BOWLS: Maureen Tims, who has qualified for the Liverpool Victoria English Women's Bowling Association championship at Royal Leamington Spa in singles, pairs, triples and fours, eased into the third round of the pairs yesterday with her Whitnash club partner, Jean Thomson. After dispatching Susan Miles and Maisie Stokes, of Kent, 22-17, Tims and Thomson beat Brenda and Lynne Whitehead, the mother and daughter from Norfolk, by 23-18. Irene Molyneux, of Oxford, and her fellow international, Audrey Mainwaring, were surprisingly beaten by Doreen Brown and Frances Hewett, of Lyme Regis, 20-16.

Pierce turns to courts

TENNIS: Mary Pierce, ranked No 14 in the world, is to seek a court order to enforce a ban against her father, Jim Pierce, from attending events on the women's tour. Raquel Giscafre, a co-promoter of the Mazda Classic in La Costa, said she attempted to obtain the restraining order on Pierce's behalf but was told the player must appear in San Diego County Superior Court. Jim Pierce, known for unruly behaviour while watching his daughter play, was banned from the tour for two years after a disturbance during the French Open. He was removed by ten security guards. Witnesses said he was jostling with a young man in the stands.

One-day priority

CRICKET: New Zealand yesterday announced that their home series with Pakistan early next year will be followed by three one-day internationals against India. India will go straight to New Zealand from a tour of Sri Lanka. New Zealand will play Pakistan in three Test matches and five one-day internationals from January to March. Peter McDermott, chairman of the New Zealand board, said: "Unfortunately, because of time constraints in our season, we could not think about any possible Test matches. But we are now more than satisfied with what we have gained because of the tremendous demand for one-day games."

England off target

NETBALL: England's ambitions to take third place at the World Games in The Hague were dashed yesterday when they lost 45-31 to Jamaica, the third seeds. England had won an international series 3-0 in Jamaica earlier this year, but the Jamaicans welcomed the return of Patricia MacDonald, their 6ft 3in goalshooter, who is a semi-professional basketball player. MacDonald scored 36 goals from 44 attempts. Sally Young, the England goalkeeper, "did everything she was asked to do and more." Liz Broomhead, the England coach, said. "We fell down in our shooting circle. I expect 80 per cent-plus shooting," she said.

Cassidy dismissed

RUGBY LEAGUE: Garry Jack, the former Australia full back, has marked his return to Salford as coach by dismissing Terry Cassidy, the assistant coach, explaining that it was unfair to inherit a predecessor's appointment. "I am devastated and disgusted at the decision," Cassidy, who had spent four years at The Willows, said. Wigan yesterday completed the £250,000 signing of Gary Connolly, the Great Britain centre, after agreeing to meet Rugby Football League payment regulations by paying half the fee to St Helens up front. Ryedale York signed an Australian utility forward, Mark Lyons, 27, from Sydney St George.

Walker Cup man gets a roasting

SAUNTON, in Devon, is renowned as one of the most peaceful, most scenic courses in the country, blooming with wildlife and rare plants as well as good golf holes (Patricia Davies writes). Yesterday during the second and third rounds of the English amateur championship, it was a noisy and, for those with reputations to uphold, dangerous place to be.

The noise was caused by the air show at RAF Chivenor nearby, but it was accentuated by the sound of assorted Walker Cup and international players crashing out of the championship.

Van Phillips and Mathew Stanford, who will both be playing against the United States at Interlachen next month, the last of the five Walker Cup men playing this week, were beaten in the third round yesterday afternoon. Stuart Cage, another Walker Cup player and the defending champion, was beaten by Gareth Jenkins, of Kenilworth, in the second round in the morning.

Phillips, he of the eccentric, practice-drill-like backswing, lost four and three to Murdoch McEwan, a 21-year from Somerset. McEwan, who was diagnosed as having glandular fever in May and told to rest for the remainder of the year, lost to Phillips at the 19th in the first round of the British amateur at Portrush at the end of May. He moved towards his revenge by winning the first two holes, and Phillips compounded his own problems by three-putting the 11th and 12th.

Stanford lost three and one to that rarity — an amateur golfer who works full-time. Ian Atkinson, 31, is a chef at a hotel in Newquay and has been fitting the championship in with his cooking. On Sunday he drove the 100 miles to Saunton to play a practice round and drove back to work that night. He came back on Monday, won his match and drove back to work, but did stay in Devon on Tuesday night after winning again.

Thoroughly refreshed, he was four up after six against Stanford, having birdied the 2nd, 3rd and 6th holes. Atkinson was only one up after 11, but he hit the flag with his seven-iron second shot at the 12th to go two up again. He lost the 13th, but conjured up an unlikely half at the 14th after skying his drive into the rough, putting his second shot on the 15th fairway, hitting a nine-iron to ten feet and holing for his par.

If that little effort did not succeed in cheesing Stanford off, his opponent's winning birdie four from 15 feet at the next probably did, and his three-iron from the rough on to the 16th green, which was halved, undoubtedly did. Both men missed the green at the 17th, a 207-yard par three, but Stanford's lie was hideous. After moving the ball a foot, then six feet, he accepted that his goose was cooked and shook hands with the chef.

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Faldo fishing for course records as Swedes go in search of a winner

John Hopkins, golf correspondent, previews the Scandinavian Masters near Gothenburg and observes another side to the world No 1

ONE odd statistic about the European Tour is that Swedish golfers have won tournaments all over Europe but never in their own country. Swedes have been victorious in England, Wales, Scotland, Switzerland, Italy, Belgium, and Spain, but not in Sweden. They have a chance to correct this apparent anomaly at Forsgardens golf club, outside Gothenburg, in the Scandinavian Masters, which begins today.

To do so, however, they will have to beat the formidable figure of the defending champion, Nick Faldo, who won by two strokes when the event was held near Malmö last year. Faldo, the world No 1, is in a rich vein of form. He is 23 under par for his past two tournaments, finishing first in the Irish Open and second in the Open Championship. Just as relevant is that he set a course record in each of those events — a 65 at Mount Juliet and a 63 at Royal St George's.

Two weeks ago today, Faldo began his defence of the Open he had won at Muirfield. He went as close as he could without winning, a fourth round of 67 for second place being eclipsed by Greg Norman's remarkable closing 64, one of the greatest such rounds. "I feel all right about it," Faldo said. "I am encouraged by my form. I want to work. I have things to work on. That is always a good sign."

Faldo paid a generous tribute to Norman when he suggested that the performances of the best players at Sandwich had taken the game to a new level. "Different people have done it at different times" Faldo said. "Nicklaus did it, Miller did it, Watson did it and so did Seve [Ballesteros]. If someone is going a little faster, then everybody else has got to catch up, otherwise you are just playing for second place every week."

Lately Faldo has done as much, if not more, with his fishing rod than his golf clubs. An attraction of this tournament, in addition to the appearance money he is guaranteed, is that he can combine competing with fishing. Last Friday, he, his dentist, and three Swedish friends flew to the north of Sweden for three days' trout fishing. "It was hard work at first," Faldo said. "Everything was wrong. The weather was too cold. You needed a lot of patience. I hardly caught any on Friday, only two on Saturday but I got ten on Sunday. That was nice."

Faldo is as keen on fishing as he is on fast cars, and at times prefers to talk about the lures of casting than the attraction of chipping or the infuriatingly capricious nature of putting. It is not only that this pastime requires the same characteristics of patience and dogged determination as golf but that when he goes fishing, Faldo can get away from all distractions; no photographers, no autograph hunters, best of all, no journalists. He is at one with the water, if not the fish.

The fishing over, Faldo met his wife, Gill, and their three children in Gothenburg where he had a date to take his children to a funfair, one of the biggest and best in Europe. "That was nice, too" he said. He and the family are installed in a house rented on their behalf five minutes from the course.

Faldo could make it three course records in as many tournaments because this is the first event of such size to be held on the five-year old par 72, 6,937-yard Forsgardens course. Two years ago, tour officials inspected seven courses in this area as possible tournament venues before settling on this one, 30 kilometres south of Gothenburg.

Improvements have been carried out — holes have been lengthened, tees relaid. Only the speed of the greens remains slower than the tour officials would like, which has nothing to do with the fact there has been no rain for five weeks. The course, laid out by Sune Linde, has undulating greens and if the speed the ball rolls on them is increased to the normal tour pace of nine or ten on the Stimpmeter, they would simply be too difficult. Thus they are just under eight at present and will remain so.

Forsgardens means a farm by a stream, and if the stream is not immediately obvious then the farm is. Allotments confront you the moment you turn in off the main road and enter the short drive to the course.

Seven years ago, PGA European Tour officials began talks with Volvo with a view to the car manufacturer taking over sponsorship of the tour. A year later, the approach bore fruit. Now the tour is in the city that houses the headquarters of the car manufacturer, where else could be more appropriate for a home grown hero to triumph?

☐ Robert Allenby, ranked 62 in the world, will make his debut with Rodger Davis in the Australian team for the World Cup golf tournament in Florida in November.

Faldo: chasing records

Giants too big for Phillies

BY ROBERT KIRLEY

THE Philadelphia Phillies are glad they do not have to face the San Francisco Giants again during the regular baseball season. The Giants, leaders of the National League West, have defeated the Phillies, leaders of the National League East, eight of 12 times this season, including three of four at the weekend in San Francisco.

If Philadelphia can hold their divisional lead — which is no certainty — they are almost sure to have the dubious distinction of facing the Giants in the play-offs. San Francisco, whose record is the best in the major leagues, hold an eight-game lead over Atlanta.

A half-game is all that separates the leaders from the pursuers in the American League divisions. The Kansas City Royals swept a doubleheader on Monday to close on the Chicago White Sox in the West, and in the East, the New York Yankees and the Boston Red Sox fell out of a tie with the Toronto Blue Jays, who did not have a game.

In the first Kansas City game, George Brett went four-for-four with a home run and two RBI singles as the Royals collected a season-high 21 hits in a 12-3 rout of the Texas Rangers. The Royals won the second game 6-5.

Mike Moore pitched his first one-hitter, retiring 18 of the last 20 batters he faced, to snap the Detroit Tigers' six-game losing streak in a 3-0 win over Kansas City. Ken Griffey Jr hit a home run in his club-record sixth consecutive game, although his Seattle Mariners lost 11-9 to the Cleveland Indians.

Nolan Ryan, the strikeout king, who beat Milwaukee 5-3 last week in his first appearance since May 7, allowed six runs on six hits in five innings in a 9-7 loss to Toronto on Sunday. Ryan, 46, who had been sidelined with a hip injury, gave up two home runs in a game for the first time in almost a year.

Games rights go for £306m

NBC, the American television network, has won United States television rights to the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta for $456 million (about £306 million), the International Olympic Committee (IOC) said yesterday.

The IOC awarded NBC its third consecutive summer Games after a day of talks with all three major networks. The $456 million is $55 million more than NBC paid for the rights to the 1992 Games in Barcelona, a project that left the company at least $100 million in debt.

The Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG) gets 60 per cent of the United State rights fee and the IOC gets 40 per cent. The European rights had already been sold to the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) for $250 million (£168 million). $160 million more than the EBU paid for Barcelona.

Billy Payne, the ACOG chairman, initially set his sights on $600 million from United States television. But a decline in ratings for the last two Games had analysts predicting between $375 million and $400 million. "It became clear to us that the market is a little bit more complex than it was in the past," Dick Pound, the IOC television negotiator, said. NBC bid $456 million, ABC $450 million and CBS $415 million.

Atlanta's location allows NBC to schedule live, prime-time coverage of key events. The opening ceremonies are to be moved to Friday night, in American prime time.

Initial plans call for 168 hours of coverage. It was not clear whether NBC would accept a cable partner. Atlanta-based Turner Broadcasting, parent of Cable News Network, offered $75 million to be a partner in Barcelona, but NBC refused.

The International Tennis Federation yesterday acceded to IOC requests and decided to reduce men's matches at the next Olympics to best-of-three sets, except for singles and doubles finals.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance county championship
11.0, 110 overs minimum, first day of four
DURHAM UNIVERSITY: Durham v Sussex.
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Worcestershire
CHELTENHAM: Gloucestershire v Derbyshire.
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Warwickshire.
CANTERBURY: Kent v Leicestershire
TAUNTON: Somerset v Yorkshire
THE OVAL: Surrey v Nottinghamshire.

Women's World Cup
League stage: 10.45, 60 overs
EALING: England v Holland.
DORKING: Ireland v West Indies
SLOUGH: Denmark v India.
BECKENHAM: Australia v New Zealand

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of two). Lakenham: Norfolk v Suffolk.

Tetley Bitter Challenge
11.0, 104 overs minimum
Second day of three
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Australians

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (second day of three): Cardiff: Glamorgan v Gloucestershire Folkestone: Kent v Derbyshire. Leicester: Leicestershire v Surrey. Shinfield (Steetley) Nottinghamshire v Essex. Horsham: Sussex v Northamptonshire Leamington Spa: Warwickshire v Hampshire. Worcester: Worcestershire v Middlesex. Marske-by-Sea: Yorkshire v Durham

OTHER SPORT
BOWLS: EWBA national championships (Leamington)
CYCLING: National track championships (Leicester)
GOLF: English amateur championship (Saunton), Scottish amateur championship (Royal Dornoch), Welsh amateur championship (Southerndown); Lawrence Batley senior tournament (Huddersfield).
SWIMMING: European championships (and Sheffield).
YACHTING: Admiral's Cup (Solent).

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Skelton sets hot pace to raise British title hopes

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN GIJON, SPAIN

NICK Skelton lifted British morale on the eve of the European showjumping championships here when he and the on-form Everest Limited Edition won the marathon warm-up class from a field of 63.

The competition, on the sunlit, tree-lined arena of Las Mestas, provided a fitting prelude to the championships. The going on the immaculately mown turf was excellent — Skelton said it was the best ground he had jumped on all year — and the fences were well designed with poles heavy enough to take a knock but light enough to fall if hit hard.

All the British horses competed in the class except John Whitaker's reserve horse, Everest Grannusch, who has injured a foot while travelling here from France. The only other British clear round came from Mark Armstrong on Corella, who is making his team debut, and Skelton on his championship horse, Everest Dollar Girl.

Although the Belgian-bred Limited Edition is his reserve horse, the manner of Skelton's win underlined the determination with which the British quartet are attacking these championships.

"I think I had better win this one," Skelton, aged 35, said confidently moments before entering the arena. With almost nonchalent ease he then cut more than two seconds off the time of the early leader, Markus Fuchs, of Switzerland, relegating him to second place.

Skelton can hardly believe the change in Limited Edition who, last year, barely featured on the international scene. "I think he was just very green," he said. "We were told he was ready to do grands prix when we bought him two years ago, but I don't think he was really much more than a novice."

It is for that reason that Skelton will ride Dollar Girl, the former Swiss team horse, in the championships that begin today with the speed class. He will go second in the team behind Armstrong, who collected three time faults on Corella yesterday. Michael Whitaker on Midnight Madness and John Whitaker on Everest Gammon, who both had four jumping faults as well as time faults, go third and fourth.

Although it is Armstrong's team debut, Ronnie Massarella, the team manager, has his reasons for putting him first. "I want Mark to go for a clear round with a little bit of pace. The other three are faster than him, so if anything goes wrong they will still be able to compensate. It's important that Mark has something left in the tank for Friday's team contest when we'll need him to go clear."

On Friday the order will change with Skelton going in his more customary first place and Armstrong cushioned between the two Whitakers.

Skelton said yesterday he is determined to finally shake off Dollar Girl's "inconsistent" image. "She doesn't deserve it," he said yesterday. "Just because she made that one mistake at the Olympics she's stuck with it."

Despite their four faults yesterday Michael Whitaker and Midnight Madness remain the British favourites for an individual medal. Eric Navet of France, the defending champion, is still favourite after a faultless round.

RESULTS: Warm-up class: 1, Everest Limited Edition (N Skelton, GB), 0 in 54.66; 2, Interpane (M Fuchs, Switz), 0 in 57.0; 3, Trudo Fidelgo (L Philippaerts, Bel), 0 in 59.48

ALISTAIR GRANT

Stretched to the limit: Harris, who knows he must improve to challenge for honours at the European championships, in action with his former club, Barnet Copthall

Harris holds breath in quest to rise among élite

Craig Lord reports on a British swimmer aiming to revive past glories in his search for success

Martin Lopez Zubero and Martin Harris are backstroke specialists, but while Spain's first Olympic swimming champion has perfected the art of turning into a human submarine, the British record-holder has not.

Though he travels through the water as swiftly as Lopez Zubero, Harris, who is among the three fastest at 100 metres in Europe this year after cutting 0.85sec off his national record last month, knows he must emerge from his start level with the Spaniard's head rather than with his waist and do so again out of the turn.

Only if he does that, his coach Mark Taylor believes, will Harris have made the occasion of the European championships at Ponds Forge, Sheffield, from tomorrow until August 8, his welcoming party to the club of world-class backstroke swimmers.

One of the sensations of the Olympic Games in Seoul in 1988 was the sight of the American, David Berkoff, dolphin-kicking his way under water for the best part of the first half of the 100 metres backstroke, emerging a body-length ahead, repeating the operation out of the turn and going on to shatter the world record. He finished second in the final with the winner, Daichi Suzuki, of Japan, beating him at his own game of submarines.

Since then Fina, the international governing body, to preserve backstroke as a visible sport, has ruled that swimmers must emerge from starts and turns no more than 15 metres from the wall.

Those tuning in to television coverage of the championships might pick the winner of both the 100 and 200 metres backstroke for men at the very start of the race. He will be among the two or three who emerge last from their explosion off the wall yet half a body's length or more ahead.

It is likely to be Lopez Zubero, defending his titles at 100 and 200 metres, or Vladimir Selkov, the Russian, who finished second to the Spaniard in the 200 metres at Barcelona. Neither men are the backstroke sprint giants of yesteryear. "Their advantage is the start and turns," Harris, who stands at 6ft 5in and broke a national 100 metres record in 1990 that had endured almost ten years, said.

Harris has since improved his best effort four times — from 57.60sec to 55.92sec — acting as pathfinder to a new generation while bringing respect to his discipline at home and hope of better times for Britain's medley relay.

Even so, Harris, like Lopez Zubero born in the spring of 1969, still faces his own Becher's Brook: to perform at his best at a leading international. He has never done so, his best effort at world, European or Olympic level being 57.08sec at the world championships in Perth in January 1991.

Harris, who after Barcelona switched from the Barnet Copthall squad of Doug Campbell to Waltham Forest, said: "I've never been happy at the big occasions. We've been away on camps and I've never fitted in. I like to be positive and cheery but it seems there's always been someone there waiting for you to fail, even among your team-mates.

"There's none of that, no camp, this time, and Mark [Taylor] knows how to get the best from me. He sets targets that I don't at first believe I can achieve, but then I do."

Harris's race calendar was mapped out by Taylor, an American who strangely will be at Sheffield as head coach of the Lithuania team, to include more international experience. It shows in Harris, who said his improvement is as much down to hard work as to the confidence he gets from Taylor.

No British man has ever won an Olympic or world title, nor held world or European records at backstroke events. The last international triumph was that of John Besford, who beat the German, Ernst Koppers, to take the European 100 metres title at Madgeburg in 1934 before an embarrassed Adolf Hitler.

Besford died aged 82 at his home in Spain this year. A performance as valiant as his, from Harris in the 100 metres at Sheffield on August 7, would serve his memory well.

SPORTS LETTERS

No understanding of pressures on Gooch

From Mr Nick Somper

Sir, As someone who has followed Test cricket for the last 25 years, I was appalled to see how some of the press were reporting the sad announcement of Graham Gooch's resignation from the England captaincy.

It seems to me that the tabloid press and those sections of the public who have little or no understanding of the pressures and complexities of the five-day game have failed to recognise Graham Gooch's contribution to English cricket.

The demands made on our national sportsmen by the public to win are at times excessive and mean that those who depart the national stage, or in his case the captaincy, on a losing note will be remembered only as might-have-beens.

The British public have never forgotten the golden era of Botham in his pomp, and I believe this is the benchmark by which a lot of less thoughtful cricket followers set their expectations. There was perhaps a sentimental, although at times this past summer not a completely insane, body of opinion, that would have seen the England side including in its ranks Gatting, Gower, Lamb and Botham. With Gooch, what opportunity would there be to bring on new talent?

His captaincy has been a success in many ways. I will never forget the famous victory against the West Indies in 1989, glued to my radio for the entire coverage of the last day's play, as Faldo won the Masters and Liverpool and Palace provided one of the best Cup semi-finals in recent years. Quite a day. But beating the Windies away from home, now that was special. The thrill was repeated at home two years later. Real achievement.

But for me, Gooch restored the dignity to the position of England captain and led by impeccable example, making sacrifices most would be unprepared to contemplate. The pride he felt in leading his country was clear for all to see and the standards of discipline he imposed a necessary restorative. His ability to lead is, for me at least, not in question and will be a hard act to follow: one his successor and his young charges will, I hope, strive to emulate. He set real standards which is, these days, a hard thing to do.

It has been a privilege to have seen Graham Gooch in his pomp and he has given me a lot of pleasure, for which, many thanks.

Yours faithfully,
NICK SOMPER,
17 Moreland Court,
Lyndale Avenue, NW2

Fancy that

From Mr Colin Passey

Sir, Watching the Test match coverage over the weekend, I was struck by the fancy dress element of the event. Fake friars, Australian outlaws — all were there in the crowd. Most imaginative of the lot, of course, was the England team — dressed as cricketers.

Yours faithfully,
COLIN PASSEY,
95 Gaston Way,
Shepperton, Middlesex.

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Resident problem

From Mr Dominic Hardy

Sir, The recent introduction of the antipodeans, McCague and Caddick, into the England cricket team, rightly provoked protestations from the Australians on the grounds that neither was trained here.

The news that the former Hungarian swimmer, Norbert Rozsa, has been granted Australian citizenship under the artificial "distinguished talent" status, and may now represent that country after just four months' residency there, surely ought to have aroused similar controversy.

Is it not, therefore, time for a series of internationally-recognised regulations to be implemented to prevent such anomalies?

Yours faithfully,
DOMINIC HARDY,
Normandy, Weeton,
Preston, Lancs.

Air of confidence

From Mr Alan Blyth

Sir, English cricket could make amends for never giving Geoff Boycott the captaincy by immediately appointing him chairman of selectors. In his television commentary, he talks more common sense and shows greater knowledge of the game than the incumbent or indeed anyone on the scene today and, coming from Yorkshire, he might favour a few players from north of Watford.

Above all, he would bring a welcome whiff of confidence and down-to-earth vigour to the choice of a team.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN BLYTH
22 Shilling Street,
Lavenham, Suffolk.

Justifiable description

From Michael Charlesworth

Sir, The reports on the women's cricket World Cup series made interesting reading, and I certainly hope that international women's cricket is here to stay.

Only one jarring note was struck, according to Ivo Tennant's article on Wednesday (August 21), and that was the anaemic term "batsperson" (referred to as the one concession to feminism).

There is nothing in the least derogatory about "batswoman", any more than, say, "horsewoman". If anything, "batsperson" is derogatory — "personne" being French for "nobody". A "batswoman" has flesh and blood: a "batsperson" sounds as if it has neither.

Yours faithfully,
M CHARLESWORTH,
45 Monsom Lane,
Repton, Derby.

Play it straight

From Mrs M. Davies

Sir, Why is it that, although men do not laugh — all that much — when women play golf, tennis, football, etc, or partake in athletics, rowing, equestrian events and other sports originally played only by men, when a women's cricket team takes the field, we have quaint photos in the papers of women umpires and bowlers, etc, with tongue-in-cheek captions?

Perhaps, if the odd woman was included in our Test team against Australia, it would produce a better result.

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET DAVIES,
10 Beckenham Road,
West Wickham, Kent.

Time for a rest

From Dr Michael Fredrikson

Sir, As the Test match series in which Australia have played what virtually amounts to a Home Counties side has, at least from an England supporter's point of view, been tedious and rather less than successful, would it not be interesting to see them play some matches against a side representative of the remainder of England and Wales?

Yours faithfully,
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Watlington, Oxfordshire.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

DENTIL

(b) Each of the small rectangular blocks, resembling a row of teeth, under the bed-moulding of the cornice in the Ionic, Corinthian, Composite, and sometimes Doric, orders, ultimately from the Latin *denticulus*, the diminutive of *dens, dentis* a tooth: "The dentils introduced just under the cornice are a great source of richness."

EGEDE

(a) Foolish, daft, of unknown etymology, but apparently related to *aegaede, aegede* (folly), which occurs in the Ormulum, 1225: "Hwa egede thing is borel."

PROSATEUR

(b) A prose-writer, adaptation of the Italian *prosatore* (in Florio), cf.the medieval Latin *prosator*: "Shelley ceased to come before the world as a prosateur just as he began to do so seriously as a poet."

REMONTOIR

(c) In clock-making, a device by which an exactly uniform impulse is given to the pendulum or balance, from the French *remonter* to remount: "This arrangement, which is called the remontoir, is supplemented in this clock by a double lever escapement."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 cxb4! Rxc7 2 Ra7 and White wins the bishop on b7 and emerges a safe piece up.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

SALAMANCA, Spain: International meeting: Men: Men: 100m: 1, D Ezinwa (Nigeria), 10.14sec; 2, R Stewart (Jam), 10.17. 800m: 1, J L Barbosa (Br), 1min 44.18sec; 2, C Nkazamyampu (B Faso), 1:44.24; 3, L J Gonzalez (Sp), 1:44.84. 400m hurdles: S Matete (Zam), 48.70. High jump: J Sotomayor (Cuba), 2.45m (world record). Long jump: 1, M Powell (US), 8.70. Triple jump: T Fashino (GB), 17.21. Discus: R Moya (Cuba), 64.08. Women: 100m: B McDonald (Jam), 11.27sec. 400m: 1, X Restrepo (Col), 50.37; 2, S Richards (Jam), 50.78. 100m hurdles: A Lopez (Cuba), 12.92. Discus: M Marten (Cuba), 65.96m.

SESTRIERE, Italy: International meeting: Men: 100m: 1, F Fredericks (Nam), 10.16sec; 2, L Burrell (US), 10.21. 200m: 1, Fredericks, 20.08; 6, T Box (GB), 20.89. 400m: 1, O Watts (US), 44.13; 2, A Valmon (US), 44.60. 110m hurdles: C Jackson (GB), 12.97 (European record). 400m hurdles: K Young (US), 48.20. Pole vault: S Bubka (Ukr), 5.80m. Long jump: L Myricks (US), 8.37. Shot: L Zerbini (It), 20.27. Women: 100m hurdles: Y Donkova (Bul), 12.93. 400m hurdles: K Batten (US), 54.74. Long jump: 1, S Tiedtke (Ger), 7.19m; 2, H Drechsler (Ger), 7.12; 3, F May (GB), 6.86.

SQUASH

KUALA LUMPUR: World junior women's championship: Third round: S Bartel (Ger) bt V Atkinson (Holl), 9-5, 1-9, 9-10, 9-3. J Tranfield (Eng) bt S Wu (Malaysia), 9-5, 9-1, 9-3. S Cook (NZ) bt J Loader (Aus), 9-3, 10-9, 9-0; N Tippett (Aus) bt S Shabana (Egypt), 9-3, 9-2, 9-2. J Wilson (NZ) bt P Parcis (Austria), 9-4, 9-4, 9-1. N Granger (SA) bt D Leeves (Eng), 9-1, 9-5, 9-5. K Keevil (Aus) bt C Waddell (Scot), 5-9, 9-2, 9-3, 9-4; R Grinham (Aus) bt S Brind (Eng), 9-1, 9-2, 9-0

CYCLING

LEICESTER: BCF national track championships: Men: 20km scratch race: 1, C Newton (Middridge), 24min 36.25sec; 2, A Allen (Team Haverhill), 3, R Ellingworth (Delta RT)

WOMEN'S TOUR DE FRANCE: Second stage (Le Mans to Angers, 106km): 1, M Knol (Holl), 3hr 06min 13sec; 2, S Rodgers (US); 3, M Fanini (It); 4, L van Moorsel (Holl); 5, S Bubenkova (Russ); 6, M Valvik (Nor), all same time. Overall leader (after two stages): Bubenkova, 5-50 34

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: San Diego 8, Chicago 0; Philadelphia 10, St Louis 7; Montreal 8, Pittsburgh 6; New York 4, Florida 3; Houston 6, Cincinnati 5; San Francisco 3, Los Angeles 2; Atlanta 10, Colorado 5.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York 5, Detroit 2; Toronto 6, Baltimore 5; Milwaukee 3, Boston 2; Chicago 7, Cleveland 4; Texas 1, Kansas City 0; California 15, Oakland 8; Seattle 10, Minnesota 8.

SWIMMING

AUSTIN, Texas: United States national championships (all US): Men: 100m freestyle: J Olsen, 49.33sec. 200m breaststroke: E Wunderlich, 2min 14.45sec. 200m backstroke: R Sharp, 1:58.81. 200m butterfly: M Stewart, 1:58.11. Women: 100m freestyle: J Thompson, 55.34sec. 200m breaststroke: A Nall, 2min 27.79sec. 200m backstroke: L Loveless, 2:11.89. 200m butterfly: P Wilson, 2:12.89.

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Trowbridge: Wiltshire 212-5 dec (S M Perrin 54); Shropshire 210-5 dec (J Foster 76, A Breakwell 53 not out). Lakenham: Buckinghamshire 156, Norfolk 198-6 (C J Rogers 57).

BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY: Knowle and Dorridge: Warwickshire 216 (P C L Holloway 88), Hampshire 147 (M A V Bell 5-30). Warwickshire won by 69 runs. Pantag: Glamorgan 220-3 (J R A Williams 119 not out, M J Tamplin 50); Worcestershire 180-7. Glamorgan won by 40 runs.

TOUR MATCH: England Amateur XI 231-4 (D Clark 64 not out, M Roberts 61); Denmark 123. England won by 108 runs (at Finchley CC)

UNDER-17 TEST MATCH: England 350-9 dec and 108-1, South Africa 333. Match drawn

ESCA UNDER 15 BUNBURY FESTIVAL: South 198-8 dec; West 120. South won by 78 runs. North 166-7 dec (A Flintoff 101); Midlands 103-7. Match drawn.

HOCKEY

WOMEN'S TOUR MATCHES: Johannesburg: Transvaal 0, England 3. Terrassa: Spain Under-21 4, England Under-21 2.

GOLF

SAUNTON, Devon: English amateur championship: First round: J O'Shea (Ealing) bt J Knight (Sandford Springs), 4 and 3. Second round: M Dove (Broadway) bt A Pickering (Kendal), 2 and 1; T Milford (Sittingbourne) bt G Homewood (Ashford Manor), 1 hole; W Bennett (Ruislip) bt P Easto (Dundee Univ), 3 and 2; G Christian (Addington Palace) bt S Impey (Woburn), 5 and 3; M McGuire (Drayton Pk) bt R Fletcher (Matlock), 9 and 7; N Scanlon (Arrowe Pk) bt W Nicolson (Coventry), 1 hole; D Haines (Burnham and Berrow) bt R Goodey (Teignmouth), 2 holes; D Morton (Harpenden) bt N Reilly (Surbiton), 4 and 2; M Wilcox (John O'Gaunt) bt D Whittaker (Bath), 1 hole; C Rodgers (Royal Mid-Surrey) bt M Lassam (Hindhead), 3 and 2; M Le Mesurier (Brokenhurst Manor) bt S Shaw (Bromborough), 1 hole; C Nowicki (Wilmslow) bt S Pigott (W Malling), 2 and 1, S Davis (Kedleston Pk) bt D Taylor (Haslemere), 6 and 4; M Stanford (Saltford) bt S Kelly (Bolton Old Links), 5 and 4; J Barnes (Brokenhurst Manor) bt I Pyman (Sand Moor), 1 hole; J Griggs (Rackwell Hth) bt R Simmons (Tehidy Pk), 1 hole, I Arkinson (Newquay) bt R Martin (Willesley Park), 5 and 4; M Blackey (Hayling) bt P McEvoy (Copt Hth), 4 and 3; R Bland (Bramshott Hill) bt S Folbigg (Bedford and C), 4 and 3, S Ursell (Goodwood) bt M Clark (Shirley Pk), 4 and 3; M Thompson (Ferndown) bt R Coles (Maylands), 2 and 1; P Sefton (Camberley Hth) bt M Welch (Hill Valley), 1 hole, P Nelson (Renshaw Pk) bt D Howell (Brooms Manor), 3 and 1; S Drummond (Shrewsbury) bt R Overton (Cosmoor), 6 and 5; P Alabaster (Three Rivers) bt A Emery (Saffron Walden), 2 and 1, S Nightingale (Worthing) bt J Doherty (Worthing), 1 hole, J Crampton (Spalding) bt A Lawrence (Sherborne), 1 hole; G Wolstenholme (Bristol and Clifton) bt S Taylor (Hillside), 1 hole; C Fort (Nelson) bt W Bladon (Leamington and C), 3 and 2; S MacPherson (Felixstowe Ferry) bt R Walker (Wearside), 2 holes; M Foster (Worksop) bt R Hodgkinson (Silkstone), 3 and 2; C Stewart (US) bt A Clandge (Stourbridge), 1 hole, V Phillips (Stoke Poges) bt G Evans (Ealing), 6 and 5, J Ambridge (West Herts) bt I Ball (Glen Gorse), 5 and 4; M McEwan (Mendip) bt P Raine (Gog Magog), 1 hole; J Dufieu (Ealing) bt N Robinson (Moortown), 3 and 2, A Wall (Sunningdale) bt G Tolley (Berkhamsted), 1 hole; G Harland (Sand Moor) bt J Hesley (Hull), 3 and 1; D Fisher (Stoke Poges) bt S Shaw (Wheatley), 4 and 3; K Pearce (Wheatley) bt J Hodgson (Tytherington), 3 and 2; D Hamilton (East Herts) bt M Stokes (John O'Gaunt), 2 holes; M Foster (Bradford) bt C Watts (Hawkstone Park), 2 and 1; G Maly (Harpenden) bt J Iles (Dudsbury), 1 hole; P Dwyer (Clitheroe) bt R Binney (Newquay), 1 hole; L James (Broadstone) bt L Ferris (Lamberhurst), 3 and 2; J Good (Shirley Park) bt P Edwards (Cosmoor), 3 and 2; G Jenkins (Kenilworth) bt S Cage (Sand Moor), 2 and 1; C Radford (Chevin) bt R Walton (Calcot Park), at 21st; J O'Shea (Ealing) bt M Farmer (North Hants), at 19th; A McLure (Whickham) bt M Searle (Lyme Regis), 2 holes; D Turnbull (Tavistock) bt J Hepworth (Ilkley), 1 hole; J Brant (East Berkshire) bt S Astin (Royal Lytham), 1 hole; B White (Royal North Devon) bt S Barwick (East Berkshire), at 19th; L Westwood (Worksop) bt R Tait (Matlock), 2 and 1; M Bieber (Saunton) bt D Blockley (Delamere Forest), 1 hole; S Graham (Ham Manor) bt N Gibson (Selby), 4 and 3; B Davis (East Herts) bt M Corr (Birstall), 3 and 2; D Lynn (Trentham) bt C Benians (West Cornwall), 5 and 3.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Trinity School, Perth, 0, Whitgift School 28.

TENNIS

MONTREAL: Men's tournament: First round: W Ferreira (SA) bt C Adams (US), 6-3, 6-4; H Holm (Swe) bt J Palmer (US), 4-6, 7-6, 6-4; J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt B Gilbert (US), 6-4, 7-6; B Steven (NZ) bt S Simian (Fr), 7-5, 6-2; J Yzaga (Peru) bt D Nestor (Can), 5-7, 7-6, 6-2; S Lareau (Can) bt G Pozzi (It), 6-3, 6-2; J Hlasek (Switz) bt W Masur (Aus), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; A Agassi (US) bt P Kuhnen (Ger), 6-2, 6-4; T Martin (US) bt A Sznajder (Can), 6-3, 6-2; A Krickstein (US) bt A Mansdorf (Isr), 6-3, 6-3; D Wheaton (US) bt K Jones (US), 6-2, 6-0; R Reneberg (US) bt B Shelton (US), 6-3, 6-1; A O'Brien (US) bt T Ho (US), 7-5, 1-6, 6-4; P McEnroe (US) bt R Agenor (Haiti), 7-6, 6-2; C Pridham (Can) bt K Evans (US), 4-6, 7-5, 6-4; M Pernfors (Swe) bt M Kaplan (SA), 6-2, 7-5; K Carlsen (Den) bt B Black (Zim), 6-4, 6-4; J Tarango (US) bt P Lundgren (Swe), 4-6, 7-6, 6-3; G Stafford (SA) bt C Rostagno (US), 7-6, 7-5; G Rusedski (Can) bt C Bergstrom (Swe), 7-6, 6-7, 6-4, T Woodbridge (Aus) bt L Mattar (Br), 7-6, 15-0, default for unsportsmanlike conduct.

WINNETKA, Illinois: Men's challenger tournament: First round: M Petchey (GB) bt G Doyle (Aus), 7-6, 6-0; J-P Fleurian (Fr) bt A Foster (GB), 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

Goodwood

Going: good to soft

2.30 (2m 4f) 1, AAHSAYLAD (J Williams, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Green Lane (T Quinn, 9-2); 3, Western Dynasty (P McCabe, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 4-1 jt-fav Miss Plum (4th), 5 Chief Minister (5th), 13-2 Chakalak, 10 Alyduncan, 16 Touching Times (6th), 40 Patroclus. 9 ran. NR: Morcrda. 1½l, 4l, 10l, 12l, 1½l. J White at Wendover. Tote: £5.10; £1.80, £1.50, £4.50. DF: £10.20. CSF: £19.98. Tricast: £223.65.

3.10 SUSSEX STAKES
(Group I £79,700 1m)

BIGSTONE b c Last Tycoon - Batave (D Wildenstein) 3-8-13 D Boeuf (14-1) 1.

Sayyedati b f Shadeed - Dubian (M Obaida) 3-8-10 W R Swinburn (11-1) 2.

Inchinor ch c Ahonoora - Inchmurrin (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) 3-8-13 L Dettori (5-1) 3.

ALSO RAN: 5-6 fav Zafonic, 11 Inner City, 12 Ardkinglass, 16 Allora (6th), 20 Alhijaz (5th), 28 Culture Vulture (4th), 66 Tinners Way. 10 ran. 1½l, 2½l, 1½l, ¾l, ¾l. E Lellouche at France. Tote: £16.90; £2.90, £2.10, £1.70. DF: £52.30. Trio: £61.20. CSF: £138.24. 1min 40.19sec. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.45 RICHMOND STAKES
(Group II 2-Y-O £29,005 6f)

FIRST TRUMP ch c Primo Dominie - Valika (Mollers Racing) 8-11 M Hills (100-30) 1.

Stonehatch ch c Storm Bird - Lively Living (R Sangster) 8-11 J Reid (8-13 fav) 2.

Fumo Di Londra ch c Indian Ridge - Fettle (Gerecon Italia) 8-11 W Carson (10-1) 3.

ALSO RAN: 10 Governor George (4th), 20 Bralle (5th). 5 ran. ¾l, 5l, 3l, ¾l. G Wragg at Newmarket. Tote: £4.30; £1.70, £1.30. DF: £2.00. Trio: £161.80. CSF: £5.49. 1min 12.69sec.

4.15 (1m 4f) 1, DANA SPRINGS (L Dettori, 10-1); 2, Spin Doctor (R Cochrane, 16-1); 3, Gone For A Burton (L Piggott, 14-1); 4, Seren Quest (T Quinn, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 6-1 fav Pistol River, 13-2 Dusty Point, 7 Revere, 9 Darmstadt, 10 League Leader (5th), 11 Edbaysaan (6th), 14 Lankridge, 16 Circus Colours, 25 Satin Dancer, Erckule, 33 Top Cees, Completo Madness. 16 ran. NR: Baron Ferdinand, Black Dragon. Nk, ½l, 1½l, ½l, hd. R Hannon at Marlborough. Tote: £13.10; £3.00, £4.50, £2.30, £2.60. DF: £169.80. Trio: £304.40. CSF: £146.85. Tricast: £2,033.57. 2min 41.55sec. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

4.45 (5f) 1, CALL ME I'M BLUE (L Piggott, 6-1); 2, Loch Patrick (A McGlone, 7-2 fav); 3, Ballet Shoes (W R Swinburn, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Catherineofaragon, 13-2 Another Jade (5th), 8 Putout, 11 Juliet Bravo, 12 Go Fighting, 16 Press The Bell (4th), 20 The Fed (6th). 10 ran. NR: Play Hever Golf. 1l, hd, 1½l, 1½l, hd. N Tinkler at Malton. Tote: £4.70; £1.50, £2.30, £2.20. DF: £9.30. CSF: £24.94. Trio: £24.40. Tricast: £151.72. 1min 0.01sec. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

5.20 (6f) 1, ELECTRIFY (Pat Eddery, 5-4 fav); 2, Jazeel (W Carson, 9-4); 3, Wild Planet (C Asmussen, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 10 En Cachette (4th), 16 Rooftop Flyer, 20 Gallant Spirit (6th), 50 Diamond Frontier, 66 Peryllys (5th), Runic Symbol, Thorny Bishop, Loose Change. 11 ran. NR: Dahyah. ½l, 1½l, hd, 3½l, ¾l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £2.20; £1.40, £1.20, £1.90. DF: £2.10. Trio: £6.90. CSF: £4.08. 1min 14.20sec.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £41,287.17 carried forward to Goodwood today).

Placepot: £69.80.

Catterick Bridge

Going: good to firm

2.20 (1m 5f 175yd) 1, HO-JOE (Julie Bowker, 7-4); 2, Reel Of Tulloch (K Darley, 11-8 fav); 3, Gay Ming (A Garth, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Anar (4th), 25 Mymyass (5th). 5 ran. ¾l, ½l, ¾l, 30l. J Carr at Malton. Tote: £2.30; £1.50, £1.60. DF: £1.70. CSF: £4.36.

2.50 (7f) 1, NORTH ARDAR (T Williams, 3-1 fav); 2, Manx Monarch (A Garth, 4-1); 3, Sense Of Priority (K Darley, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Rose Gem (4th), 7 Falcons Dawn (6th), 8 Cicerono (5th), 14 Cledeschamps. 7 ran. 2½l, 1l, 1½l, 1½l, 2½l. M Johnston at Middleham. Tote: £3.60; £1.80, £2.30. DF: £4.70. CSF: £13.64.

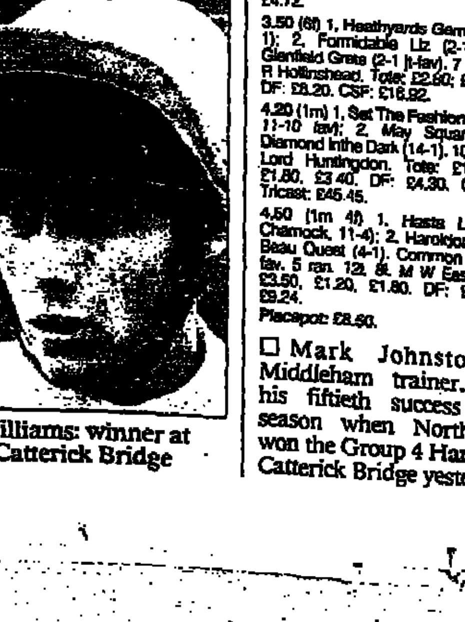
3.25 (7f) 1, SAIHAT (B Raymond, 6-5 fav); 2, New Inn (J Fanning, 9-1); 3, Secret Serenade (K Darley, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Mosaic Gold (5th), Potsclose (6th), 50 Top Show (4th). 6 ran. Hd, nk, 1½l, sh hd, 8l. Mrs J Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £2.50. DF: £8.70. CSF: £10.35.

4.00 (1m 5f 175yd) 1, BOLD AMBITION (J Lowe, 11-2); 2, Post Impressionist (K Darley, 5-2); 3, Our Aisling (O Pears, 8-13 fav). 3 ran. Nk, 2½l. T Kersey. Tote: £4.60. DF: £4.70. CSF: £14.16.

4.30 (7f) 1, SIZZLING SAGA (K Darley, 2-5 fav); 2, Palacegate Touch (G Carter, 7-2); 3, Obsidian Grey (O Pears, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 33 Not Earsay (5th), 100 Do Tell (4th). 5 ran. NR: Saucy Partner. 1l, 4l, 1l, 6l. J Wharton at Melton Mowbray. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £1.10. DF: £1.10. CSF: £2.03.

5.00 (5f) 1, GUSSIE FINK-NOTTLE (K Darley, 11-10 fav); 2, Cloudy Reef (M Humphries, 5-4); 3, Royal Music (G Carter, 6-1). 3 ran. 3½l, 8l. T Barron. Tote: £2.10. DF: £1.10. CSF: £2.58.

Placepot: £107.80.



Williams: winner at Catterick Bridge

Southwell

Going: standard

2.10 (6f) 1, Mister Beat (L Charnock, Evens fav); 2, Cinnamon Springs (3-1); 3, Joyrider (13-2). 6 ran. NR: Four Of Spades. 1½l, 3½l. Jimmy Fitzgerald. Tote: £1.90; £1.50, £1.70. DF: £2.30. CSF: £4.98.

2.40 (7f) 1, Super Symphonic (P Robinson, 11-4); 2, Northern Bailiwick (5-1); 3, Just Bill (4-1). Steadfast Elite 7-4 fav. 11 ran. 12l, ¾l. M Tompkins. Tote: £6.30; £1.80, £1.70, £1.60. DF: £12.40. CSF: £19.49.

3.15 (7f) 1, Island Knight (P Robinson, 10-11 fav); 2, Philnic (7-2); 3, Saxon Magic (5-1). 5 ran. NR: Camino A Ronda, Doddington Player. 2½l, 8l. M Ryan. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £1.80. DF: £2.80. CSF: £4.72.

3.50 (6f) 1, Heathyards Gem (S Perks, 5-1); 2, Formidable Liz (2-1 jt-fav); 3, Glenfield Greta (2-1 jt-fav). 7 ran. ½l, 2½l. R Hollinshead. Tote: £2.80; £1.10, £2.20. DF: £8.20. CSF: £16.82.

4.20 (1m) 1, Set The Fashion (D Harrison, 11-10 fav); 2, May Square (4-1); 3, Diamond Inthe Dark (14-1). 10 ran. 5l, 3½l. Lord Huntingdon. Tote: £1.80; £1.30, £1.80, £3.40. DF: £4.30. CSF: £7.80. Tricast: £45.45.

4.50 (1m 4f) 1, Hasta La Vista (L Charnock, 11-4); 2, Haroldon (85-40); 3, Beau Quest (4-1). Common Council 7-4 fav. 5 ran. 12l, 8l. M W Easterby. Tote: £3.50; £1.20, £1.80. DF: £5.50. CSF: £9.24.

Placepot: £8.50.

☐ Mark Johnston, the Middleham trainer, gained his fiftieth success of the season when North Ardar won the Group 4 Handicap at Catterick Bridge yesterday.

JULIAN HERBERT

French surprise: Zafonic, right, struggles as his compatriot, Bigstone, wearing noseband, triumphs in the Sussex Stakes

Bigstone bursts Zafonic bubble

BY RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

BIGSTONE won the Sussex Stakes yesterday, but the showpiece of Glorious Goodwood will be always remembered for bursting the Zafonic bubble. The brilliant 2,000 Guineas winner was in trouble immediately Pat Eddery asked him to quicken more than a quarter-of-a-mile from home, and he trailed in seventh, beaten eight lengths.

To his great credit, Andre Fabre made no attempt to blame the defeat of his top miler on the unfavourably soft ground. Displaying enormous dignity, given the disappointment of defeat, Europe's leading trainer pointed instead to Zafonic having a "health problem", which would probably become apparent within the next 24 hours.

Fabre said Zafonic ran as though he may have broken a blood vessel. Others believe the horse's high head carriage, combined with the strange breathing noise made after the race, served only to confirm the rumours of recent weeks that all is not well with his wind.

"The horse is a hard-puller in the mornings, and he roars when he is on the bridle, but he has no wind problems," Fabre said. "If it was in America, I would say the horse bled, having seen him run like that."

Thoughts of the Breeders' Cup Mile in California must now be on hold. "There are no plans, except for going home as soon as possible," he said.

The decision to run Zafonic was made by 11am, accompanied by a warning from the horse's connections that they were not confident because of the state of the ground. Yet Fabre had no post-race regrets.

"I never regret running horses. They are bred to be on a racecourse, and I am very happy to be at Goodwood. It was a great race with a good winner. He is a good horse."

The victory of Bigstone, trained by fellow Frenchman, Elie Lellouche, and ridden by Dominique Boeuf, highlighted once again the strength of French racing compared with that in Britain.

Tinners Way, the pacemaker for Zafonic, led until well over a furlong out, but when his jockey, Paul Eddery, glimpsed over his shoulder for any sign of his brother on the 6-5 on favourite, he was nowhere to be seen.

Instead, Alflora led briefly, and while Inchinor and Sayyedati, the 1,000 Guineas winner, made dangerous-looking runs, it was Bigstone who squeezed through approaching the furlong pole before running out a convincing 1½-length winner. He will probably run next in the Jacques le Marois at Deauville on August 15.

Sayyedati, having her first run since winning the 1,000 Guineas, battled on determinedly to finish runner-up and delighted her trainer, Clive Brittain.

No sooner had the Zafonic bubble burst, than another reputation was dented as Stonehatch, backed to win more than £60,000, lost in a thrilling duel with First Trump for the Richmond Stakes.

The Geoff Wragg-trained winner, carrying the famous chocolate and gold silks of Mollers Racing, is exceptionally game and will prove tough to beat. William Hill promoted him to joint 16-1 favourite for next year's 2,000 Guineas, but the trainer is far from convinced that a mile will be his best distance.

"He's bred to be a sprinter, but we keep thinking that he is so laid back, he ought to get seven furlongs," Wragg said. "If he keeps winning at six furlongs, why change? Obviously, at the end of the year, we will have to decide whether we stay at six furlongs, or go for the Guineas."

The Tote Gold Trophy provided a wonderful spectacle as Dana Springs forced her way through on the rails for a last-gasp victory, and provided Richard Hannon with his hundredth winner of the season.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SIMPLY FINESSE
(4.45 Goodwood)
Next best: Sonus
(3.10 Goodwood)

Weld has double celebration

FROM OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT IN GALWAY

ON THE eve of his 45th birthday, Dermot Weld celebrated in fitting fashion by saddling General Idea to win the Digital Galway Plate under top weight of 12st yesterday.

This race has proved most unsuccessful for high-weighted horses, and the last winner to carry 12st or more was Leap Frog in 1973. After General Idea had been beaten in a photograph at Cheltenham, Weld elected for a change of jockey and Adrian Maguire, who had engineered his downfall on Second Schedual in the Cathcart Cup, was the beneficiary.

Maguire was winning the race for the second year in succession, having ridden The Gooser to victory 12 months ago. The owner, Dr Michael Smurfit, flew back from Los Angeles to see this handsome eight-year-old win in highly impressive style.

"He has always been a very good horse and deserved to win a very good race which he has just done," Weld said.

He came to the front approaching the turn for home, heading the long-time leader, Galevilla Express, and the 9-2 favourite raced clear up the hill to win by six lengths. Harristown Lady made late headway to take second place from Galevilla Express by a neck, with the English challenger, Castle King, fading into seventh place.

The plan for the winner is to give him a break and them sharpen him up on the Flat as the prelude to a bid for the Breeders' Cup Chase in the United States in November.

Weld saddled five winners on Tuesday and today he attempts a Galway Plate-Guinness Hurdle double, as he runs the favourite, Judicial Field, for whom Maguire has again been booked.

The Guinness Hurdle, with 25 runners, is always competitive and the main dangers are represented by Big Matt and Camden Buzz.

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

GOODWOOD
BBC1

2.30: With Bal Harbour a likely non-runner, this race has lost some of its sparkle. Mister Baileys was unlucky at Newbury and, granted a clear run, can reverse the form with Classic Sky. Lomas, from the in-form Richard Hannon stable, is the main danger.

3.10: Assessor will be suited by the stamina-sapping conditions and should go well. However, I prefer the chances of Sonus, who has been crying out all season for a longer trip having finished second to User Friendly in last year's St Leger. By Sadler's Wells, he should be suited by the give underfoot and is visored for the first time.

3.45: Despite more than a month without a winner, Luca Cumani's horses have been running better recently, including Lost Soldier, who was a good second to Beauchamp Hero at Newmarket. Highly tried as a two-year-old, he has a major chance, but I just prefer Forever Diamonds, who recorded a fast time when winning at York recently. The form of the race is working out well. Show Faith may prefer a straight track, but Cee-Jay-Ay will be at home round here and could run well at a big price.

BBC2

4.15: Lochsong is strongly fancied following her impressive back-to-form victory at Sandown three weeks ago. However, she is yet to make her mark in group company. She has finished behind Paris House twice this season, and although Jack Berry's tough sprinter has an 8lb penalty, he can oblige.

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GOODWOOD

THUNDERER
2.30 Bal Harbour (If abs Classic Sky)
3.10 Assessor
3.45 Shamam
4.15 LOCHSONG (nap)
4.45 Hunters Of Brora
5.20 Vercingetorix
5.50 Hadeer's Dance

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 BAL HARBOUR (nap).
The Times Private Handicapper's Top Rating: 4.15 LOCHSONG.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.30 LANSON CHAMPAGNE VINTAGE STAKES BBC1
(Group III: 2-Y-O: £19,680: 7f) (7 runners)

101 (3) 1 BAL HARBOUR 21 (D,F) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 9-0 Pat Eddery 96
102 (4) 1 BEAUTETE 34 (C,F) (D Cruster) S Dow 8-11 L Piggott 85
103 (5) 3121 CLASSIC SKY 12 (D,F,G) (Saeed Suhail) B Hanbury 8-11 W R Swinburn 96
104 (7) 11 LOMAS 27 (D,F,G) (Fahd Salman) R Hannon 8-11 A Munro 99
105 (2) 13 MISTER BAILEYS 12 (BF,F) (G Bailey Ltd) M Johnston 8-11 Dean McKeown 98
106 (6) 14 MR EUBANKS 21 (D,F) (Rothvale Limited) P Kelleway 8-11 J Reid 86
107 (3) 0123 PRINCE BABAR 22 (G) (G W Pritchard-Gordon) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11 L Dettori 98

☐ Trainer states Bal Harbour is a doubtful runner.

BETTING: 2-1 Bal Harbour, 5-2 Classic Sky, 4-1 Mister Baileys, 5-1 Lomas, 6-1 Prince Babar, 20-1 others.

1992: MAROOF 8-11 W Carson (8-1) R Armstrong 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

BAL HARBOUR beat Shepton Mallet neck in a 5-runner listed race at Newmarket (7f, good to firm) with MR EUBANKS (3lb better off) 7l 4th. BEAUTETE beat Bagshot 1l in a 7-runner maiden here (6f, good to firm). CLASSIC SKY beat Cult Hero 3½l in a 5-runner conditions race at Newbury (7f, good) with MISTER BAILEYS (2lb better off) short-head 3rd. LOMAS beat Braille 1½l in a 4-runner conditions race at Sandown (7f, good to firm). MISTER BAILEYS beat Level Sands 7l in a 13-runner maiden at Newcastle (6f, good to firm) on penultimate start. PRINCE BABAR 2l 3rd of 6 to First Trump in group II July Stakes at Newmarket (6f, good to firm).
Selection: MISTER BAILEYS (nap)

3.10 TIFFANY GOODWOOD CUP BBC1
(Group III: £27,200: 2m) (9 runners)

201 (6) 1-42132 ASSESSOR 42 (G,S) (B Nielsen) R Hannon 4-9-7 T Quinn 98
202 (1) 2224-55 ARCADIAN HEIGHTS 42 (F,G) (J Pearce) G Wragg 5-9-3 L Dettori 95
203 (7) 222-132 SONUS 13 (V,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-9-3 Pat Eddery 97
204 (3) 2-15040 DARU 42 (V,C,CF,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-9-0 R Cochrane 98
205 (2) 131232 JACK BUTTON 41 (D,BF,F,G,S) (A and B Racing) Bob Jones 4-9-0 N Day 90
206 (5) 52-3424 NOT IN DOUBT 33 (F) (Mrs D Blackburn) H Candy 4-9-0 J Reid 99
207 (4) 213-625 ANNE BONNY 26 (G) (D Thompson) J Fanshawe 4-8-11 W R Swinburn 93
208 (8) 112 DI GIACOMO 18 (F,S) (G Mazza) J Dunlop 3-7-12 W Carson –
209 (9) 613063 MAGICAL RETREAT 21 (G,S) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-7-12 D Biggs 95

BETTING: 7-4 Sonus, 2-1 Assessor, 7-1 Daru, 9-1 Arcadian Heights, 12-1 Anne Bonny, 14-1 Not In Doubt, Magical Retreat, 16-1 Di Giacomo, 25-1 Jack Button.

1992: FURTHER FLIGHT 6-9-5 M Hills (7-1) B Hills 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

ASSESSOR 3l 2nd of 10 to Drum Taps in group I Gold Cup at Royal Ascot (2m 4f, soft) with ARCADIAN HEIGHTS (6lb better off) 15½l 5th and DARU (7lb better off) 4½l 7th. SONUS 2l 2nd of 6 to Always Friendly in a conditions race at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to soft). NOT IN DOUBT 11½l 4th of 18 to Highflying in a handicap at Newcastle (2m, good to firm). Previously neck 2nd of 8 to Brier Creek in group III Carroll House Beaver Henry II E.B.F Stakes at Sandown (2m 78yd, good to firm) with ASSESSOR (1lb better off) ½l 3rd, DARU a head 4th and ARCADIAN HEIGHTS (1lb worse off) 1½l 5th. ANNE BONNY about 7½l 5th of 8 to Rainbow Lake in group III Lancashire Oaks at Haydock (1m 4f, good). MAGICAL RETREAT 1¾l 3rd of 8 to Spring To Action in a listed race at Newmarket (1m 7f, good to firm).
Selection: ASSESSOR

3.45 SCHWEPPES GOLDEN MILE HANDICAP BBC1
(£65,422: 1m) (20 runners)

301 (10) /04/211 PETER DAVIES 26 (D,F,G,S) (Lucayan Stud) D Loder 5-9-13 (7ex) L Dettori 88
302 (9) 301110 PAY HOMAGE 19 (C,D,F,G) (Miss A Hill) I Balding 5-9-10 M Hills 89
303 (1) 111233 ABBEY'S GAL 2 (F,G,S) (J Williamson) I Balding 3-9-1 W R Swinburn 83
304 (5) 010-234 CUMBRIAN CHALLENGE 47 (D,F,G) (Cumbrian) M H Easterby 4-9-1 S Maloney (3) 89
305 (12) 30-6542 LOST SOLDIER 12 (F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 3-8-11 R Cochrane 89
306 (13) 40-6234 PHILIDOR 27 (CD,F,G,S) (J Smith) J Eustace 4-8-7 N Kennedy (3) 93
307 (20) 414 STONEY VALLEY 77 (F) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-6 J Reid 86
308 (6) 02-2110 SHOW FAITH 27 (D,G,S) (I Wright) R Hannon 3-8-5 Pat Eddery 89
309 (16) 125201 FOREVER DIAMONDS 20 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs Russell) M H Easterby 6-8-5 (3ex) M Birch 99
310 (3) 0-4150 FROGMARCH 6 (D,S) (Lord Chelsea) W Hern 3-8-3 R Hills 89
311 (8) 4-21032 SHAMAM 21 (D,G) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 3-8-0 W Carson 96
312 (7) 420-046 PRENONAMOSS 19 (F) (Mrs W Dunn) D Arbuthnot 5-8-0 F Norton 88
313 (19) 31-3040 NORFOLK HERO 41 (G) (Lady Watts) D Murray Smith 3-7-13 A Munro 90
314 (4) 300050 DOUBLE FLUTTER 5 (F) (J Mitchell) M Channon 4-7-13 C Rutter 87
315 (11) 40-5610 NORTHERN BIRD 23 (F,G,S) (J Bradley) B Hills 5-7-12 D Biggs 85
316 (17) 0-00242 BLOCKADE 12 (CD,F,G,S) (A Warrender) M Bell 4-7-11 D Harrison (3) 91
317 (15) 05-2110 FAIRY STORY 27 (BF,F,G) (Fairy Story Partners) J Hills 3-7-10 B Doyle (3) 88
318 (18) 323205 CEE-JAY-AY 20 (D,BF,F,G,S) (R Jinks) J Berry 6-7-7 L Charnock 89
319 (2) 505180 FIGHTER SQUADRON 33 (F,G) (Claremont) J Glover 4-7-7 Darren Moffatt (5) 83
320 (14) 00-0111 QUEEN WARRIOR 17 (D,F,G,S) (C Spence) P Walwyn 4-7-7 D Wright (5) 88

Long handicap: Cee-Jay-Ay 7-4, Fighter Squadron 7-1, Queen Warrior 6-11.

BETTING: 9-2 Peter Davies, 7-1 Show Faith, 15-2 Forever Diamonds, 8-1 Abbey's Gal, Philidor, Blockade. 12-1 Shamam, 14-1 Lost Soldier, 16-1 Stoney Valley, Northern Bird, 20-1 others.

1992: LITTLE BEAN 3-8-2 M Hills (9-1) G Wragg 21 ran

FORM FOCUS

PETER DAVIES beat Talent 2l in a 10-runner handicap at Sandown (1m, good to firm). PAY HOMAGE beat Mazeslam 2l in a 9-runner handicap at Sandown (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start. ABBEY'S GAL a head and ½l 3rd of 11 to Moon Over Miami here (7f, good to soft) on Tuesday. LOST SOLDIER 3l 2nd of 7 to Beauchamp Hero in a handicap at Newmarket (1m, good to soft). PHILIDOR 3l 4th of 17 to Smarginato in a handicap at Sandown (1m 2f, good to firm) with DOUBLE FLUTTER (1lb better off) 8l 8th and SHOW FAITH (7lb worse off) 3l 10th. SHOW FAITH beat Just You Dare 1l in a 25-runner handicap at Royal Ascot (1m, soft) with NORFOLK HERO (9lb better off) 10l 11th on penultimate start. FOREVER DIAMONDS beat Buzzards Bellbuoy ½l in a 13-runner handicap at York (1m, good to firm). SHAMAM was ½l 2nd of 17 to Beauchamp Hero in a handicap at Newmarket (1m, good to firm). BLOCKADE was 2l 2nd of 10 to Deevee in a handicap at Newmarket (1m, good to soft).
Selection: SHAMAM

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	23	68	33.8	A Munro	23	107	21.5
D. Wilson	10	42	23.8	M Hills	19	93	20.4
J Eustace	3	13	23.1	Pat Eddery	47	232	20.3
B Hanbury	9	41	22.0	W Carson	47	252	18.7
J Gosden	14	65	21.5	J Reid	31	179	17.3
L Cumani	15	70	21.4	L Dettori	20	129	15.5

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

108 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.15 KING GEORGE STAKES BBC2
(Group III: £21,060: 5f) (11 runners)

401 (7) 8222-24 KEEN HUNTER 21 (D,F,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 6-9-10 W R Swinburn 92
402 (3) 060-113 PARIS HOUSE 41 (D,F,G,S) (P Chandler) J Berry 4-9-8 J Carroll 93
403 (6) 15-0040 FREDDIE LLOYD 21 (CD,F,G,S) (M Hill) N Callaghan 4-9-5 J Reid 85
404 (2) 1-34460 ARTISTIC REEF 21 (D,G,S) (R Mohammed) G Eden 4-9-0 T Quinn 83
405 (1) 03121-P BLYTON LAD 77 (D,F,G) (Mrs J Addleshaw) M Camacho 7-9-0 S Webster 94
406 (9) 00-2154 EL YASAF 19 (D,G,S) (J Naughton) T Naughton 5-9-0 Pat Eddery 89
407 (10) 650623 BUNTY BOO 19 (D,BF,G,S) (Mrs R Mayall) B McMahon 4-8-11 A Munro 87
408 (11) 53-4235 GARAH 42 (F,G) (Prince A Faisal) H Cecil 4-8-11 R Cochrane 95
409 (5) 2-34431 LOCHSONG 26 (C,D,F,G,S) (J Smith) I Balding 5-8-11 L Dettori 99
410 (4) 1132-55 MARINA PARK 21 (D,F,G) (Greenland Park) M Johnston 3-8-11 Dean McKeown 88
411 (8) 310-02 SOVEREIGN GRACE 28 (D,G) (Lady Clague) J Burns (Ire) 4-8-11 J Murtagh 82

BETTING: 13-8 Lochsong, 4-1 Keen Hunter, 5-1 Paris House, 6-1 Marina Park, 7-1 Garah, 16-1 others.

1992: FREDDIE LLOYD 3-9-0 J Reid (5-1) N Callaghan 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

KEEN HUNTER 3¾l 4th of 12 to Hamas in group I July Cup at Newmarket (6f, good to firm) with MARINA PARK (6lb better off) 1¼l 5th, FREDDIE LLOYD (5lb better off) 6¼l 11th and ARTISTIC REEF (10lb better off) 1l 12th. PARIS HOUSE 2l 3rd of 8 to Elbio in group II King's Stand Stakes at Royal Ascot (5f, soft) with FREDDIE LLOYD (3lb better off) 3½l 4th, EL YASAF (8lb better off) neck 5th and BUNTY BOO (8lb better off) 1½l 6th. Previously beat Wolfhound head in 10-runner group II UB Group Temple Stakes at Sandown (5f, good to firm) with GARAH (4lb better off) ¾l 3rd, LOCHSONG (4lb better off) 2l 4th and ARTISTIC REEF (4lb better off) 3½l 6th. LOCHSONG beat BUNTY BOO (same terms) 4l in a 7-runner listed race at Sandown (5f, good to firm).
Selection: LOCHSONG

4.45 KINRARA HANDICAP STAKES (3-Y-O: £5,845: 7f) (15 runners)

501 (10) 163420 EMBANKMENT 41 (F) (Lady Tennant) R Hannon 9-7 Mark Denaro (7) 88
502 (13) 332215 WISHAM 12 (D,G) (F Goulandris) B Hanbury 9-1 M Hills 92
503 (8) 4-21062 SIMPLY FINESSE 15 (CD,F) (Food Brokers) R Akehurst 8-13 T Quinn 89
504 (12) 503101 ARID 13 (D,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-13 L Dettori 94
505 (9) 4-00308 CHILI HEIGHTS 15 (BF,S) (B Allenborough) G Balding 8-12 J Williams 93
506 (3) 0-2130 KNIGHT OF SHALOT 14 (D,BF,F) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11 S Davies (5) 92
507 (4) 021102 FIELD OF VISION 18 (D,F) (R Huggins) M Johnston 8-11 T Williams 93
508 (15) 111505 AL MOULOUKI 10 (D,F,S) (G Jabre) J Payne 8-10 R Cochrane 91
509 (6) 420310 SECOND CHANCE 15 (D,F,S) (Down and Outs) P Mitchell 8-8 W Newnes 91
510 (14) 204023 THE LITTLE FERRET 7 (K Higson) R Hannon 8-8 B Rouse 89
511 (5) 616 HUNTERS OF BRORA 20 (D,S) (R Gibbons) J Bethell 8-6 A Munro 99
512 (1) 0026 BELFRY GREEN 59 (J Kelsey-Fry) C Horgan 8-3 R Hills 94
513 (7) 0-11300 HALLORINA 17 (C,F,G) (Mrs J Thomson) W Wightman 7-11 G Bardwell 96
514 (2) 100608 WALNUT BURL 16 (D,F) (G Steinberg) L Holt 7-7 N Adams 98
515 (11) 3P4116 DESERT NOMAD 17 (D,F) (Eurostar Ltd) S Dow 7-7 D Wright (5) 96

BETTING: 9-4 Arid, 11-4 Simply Finesse, 5-1 Second Chance, 6-1 Hunters Of Brora, 8-1 others.

1992: ROCKY WATERS 3-9-5 B Rouse (12-1) G Lewis 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

EMBANKMENT neck 2nd of 9 to Northern Bird in a handicap at Epsom (7f, good). SIMPLY FINESSE ½l 2nd of 15 to Fourforfun at Sandown (7f, soft) with CHILI HEIGHTS (5lb better off) 6l 3rd and SECOND CHANCE (5lb better off) 10½l 7th. ARID beat Teanarco short-head in a 12-runner handicap at Newbury (7f, good). HUNTERS OF BRORA beat Desert Venus neck in 7-runner maiden at Ayr (7f, good to soft).
Selection: SIMPLY FINESSE

5.20 LAVANT NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £5,481: 6f) (12 runners)

601 (2) 11212 BEST KEPT SECRET 43 (F,G,S) (Manny Bernstein Ltd) J Berry 9-7 J Carroll 89
602 (8) 221 JACOB BOGDANI 22 (D,F) (R Green Fine Paintings) P Cole 9-3 T G McLaughlin (7) 92
603 (9) 653 MACIZO 17 (G Steinberg) L Holt 9-1 A Munro 88
604 (1) 001 VERCINGETORIX 20 (G) (Lord Hartington) G Lewis 8-10 Paul Eddery 99
605 (3) 340 MILLICENT NORTH 13 (K Hogan) P Murphy 8-9 J Williams 87
606 (4) 0516 CONNECT 57 (D,F) (Mrs J Hannon) B Meehan 8-9 B Rouse 92
607 (12) 134203 SWEET WHISPER 3 (G) (P Savill) R Hannon 8-8 M Hills 85
608 (11) 4040 KNIGHTRIDER 22 (Paul De Weck) C James 8-5 T Quinn 92
609 (5) 06521 SPORTING HEIR 5 (D,B,G) (Sporting Pins) M Usher 8-4 (7ex) N Adams 91
610 (7) 0403 CHIEF EXECUTIVE 14 (BF) (Yahya Nasib) N Callaghan 7-12 D Harrison (3) 91
611 (6) 300 GINGERILLO 22 (B) (Mrs V Morgan) T Mills 7-9 D Wright (5) 80
612 (10) 601523 RISKIE THINGS 9 (F) (T Pasquale) J Moore 7-7 E Greehy (7) 97

BETTING: 9-4 Vercingetorix, 100-30 Best Kept Secret, 11-2 Riskie Things, 13-2 Chief Executive, 9-1 Sporting Heir, 12-1 Connect, 14-1 Jacob Bogdani, 20-1 others.

1992: HALLORINA 7-12 G Bardwell (4-1) W R Wightman 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

BEST KEPT SECRET 1l 2nd of 7 to Zuno Star in a conditions race at Ripon (6f, good). VERCINGETORIX beat Yawara neck in a 7-runner maiden at Chester (5f, good). CHIEF EXECUTIVE 4½l 3rd of 11 to Extra Bonus in a handicap at Catterick (7f, good to soft). RISKIE THINGS was a 5¼l 3rd of 7 to Prince Azzaan in a handicap at Folkestone (5f, good to firm).
Selection: BEST KEPT SECRET

5.50 DRAWING ROOM HANDICAP (£5,708: 1m 1f) (13 runners)

1 (5) 0000-03 HIGH LOW 13 (F,G) (B Haggas) W Haggas 5-10-0 S Giles (7) 95
2 (6) 210000 CAMDEN'S RANSOM 27 (F,G) (Bob Cullen) D Elsworth 6-9-7 B Doyle (3) 95
3 (2) 306211 ROYAL INTERVAL 26 (F,G) (G Barker) W G M Turner 3-9-7 D McCabe (5) 93
4 (7) 064033 COURAGEOUS KNIGHT 21 (F) (T Bucknall) R Hannon 4-9-6 W R Swinburn 95
5 (13) 002225 GOOGLY 5 (D,G,S) (A Lansley) W Wightman 4-9-6 J Reid 98
6 (4) 60-3405 HADEER'S DANCE 10 (F) (Khalda Dasmal) R Armstrong 3-9-2 L Piggott 96
7 (11) 212105 NORTH ESK 12 (C,F,G) (A Speyer) D Wilson 4-9-2 A Munro 97
8 (1) 63-313 SCORCHED AIR 10 (F) (M Wauchope) J Hills 3-9-0 M Hills 97
9 (9) 045-604 TICKERTY'S GIFT 5 (B) (K Higson) R Hannon 3-8-12 B Rouse 92
10 (10) 060413 LADY LACEY 6 (V,CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs K Penny) G Balding 6-8-4 N Varley (7) 99
11 (3) 00-5828 GREEN'S CASSATT 5 (F) (K Baron) W Brisbourne 5-8-0 R Lappin 98
12 (8) 401102 HOOCHIECOOCHIE MAN 45 (G,BF) (C Wright) D Arbuthnot 3-8-0 D Harrison (3) 98
13 (13) 500-0 GLISSO 87 (BF) (Telemagro) M Pipe 3-7-7 N Adams 94

Long handicap: Glisso 7-6.

BETTING: 9-2 Camden's Ransom, 11-2 Googly, 6-1 Royal Interval, 13-2 Hoochiecoochie Man, 8-1 High Low, 10-1 Courageous Knight, 12-1 Lady Lacey, North Esk, 14-1 Hadeer's Dance, 16-1 Scorched Air, 20-1 others.

1992: No corresponding race

FORM FOCUS

HIGH LOW 3l 3rd of 5 to Express Gift in a handicap at Hamilton (1m 65yd, soft). CAMDEN'S RANSOM was 8l 6th of 17 to Smarginato in a handicap at Sandown (1m 2f, good to firm). COURAGEOUS KNIGHT was 2¼l 3rd of 8 to Mr Tate in a handicap at Chepstow (1m 2f, good to firm). GOOGLY was 4l 5th of 16 to Daring Street in a handicap at Ascot (1m, good). HADEER'S DANCE was 7¼l 5th of 7 to Fourforfun in a conditions race at Windsor (1m 67yd, good).
Selection: HADEER'S DANCE

YARMOUTH

THUNDERER
2.10 Rasayel. 2.40 Ballyranter. 3.05 Elton Ledger. 3.35 Forbidden Monkey. 4.05 Nightitude. 4.35 Taylors Prince.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.35 Princess Carmen.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.10 BRADWELL CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,742: 1m 6f 17yd) (4 runners)

1 50-4 NAAWY 43 C Smith 8-5 K Rutter (5) 2
2 50-6 LIME RIVER 50 M Tompkins 8-3 P Robinson 1
3 0000 BARSLEY 6 J Jenkins 8-1 G Duffield 3
4 6356 RASAYEL 8 B Hanbury 7-12 J Quinn 4

4-11 Rasayel, 4-1 Naawy, 5-1 Lime River, 33-1 Barsley.

2.40 WROXHAM HANDICAP (£3,002: 7f 3yd) (9)

1 6552 JAHANGIR 8 (G,S) B Hanbury 4-9-12 B Raymond 3
2 0060 BOLD HABIT 17 (D,F,G) J Pearce 8-9-11 M Wigham 7
3 0011 ROCA MURADA 8 (CD,G,S) M Ryan 4-9-7 (5ex) P McCabe (7) 4
4 5140 TAJDID 8 (B,CD,F) H Thomson Jones 3-9-0 N Carlisle 6
5 6031 BALLYRANTER 17 (V,F,G) H Collingridge 4-8-10 J Quinn 9
6 0501 GLEN MILLER 8 (B,D,F) J Payne 3-8-10 (5ex) G Duffield 5
7 1254 PRINCE SONGLINE 28 (B,C,G) R Boss 3-8-8 W Woods 8
8 4001 ADAMPARIS 12 (B,D,G) G Pritchard-Gordon 3-8-0 P Robinson 1
9 04-0 SABOTEUR 8 (CD,F,G) W Musson 9-7-7 A Mackay 2

3-1 Glen Miller, 4-1 Ballyranter, 9-2 Roca Murada, 11-2 Jahangir, 7-1 Tajdid, Prince Songline, 10-1 Bold Habit, Adamparis, 14-1 Saboteur.

3.05 KEITH TUCK FINAL FLING HANDICAP
(£3,395: 6f 3yd) (5)

1 3502 ZEBOIM 7 (B,CD,F,G) W Muir 7-10-0 Kim McDonnell (7) 1
2 6500 JOBIE 5 (G) W Haggas 3-9-10 W Woods 5
3 0100 ELTON LEDGER 12 (CD,F,G) A Scott 4-9-7 B Raymond 4
4 3113 JOIN THE CLAN 20 (D,BF,F) Mrs N Macauley 4-9-3 G Duffield 3
5 3524 SPRING HIGH 5 (B,CD,F,G) K Ivory 5-8-13 M Wigham 2

5-2 Join The Clan, 11-4 Elton Ledger, 3-1 Spring High, 7-2 Zeboim, 6-1 Jobie.

3.35 MARINA LEISURE CENTRE SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,259: 6f 3yd) (8)

1 POOR WILLY W Jarvis 8-11 S Jones (7) 8
2 0 ADMIRING 19 M Bell 8-6 M Fenton (3) 3
3 030 CANDI DAS 19 (B) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-6 G Duffield 5
4 00 DAVIDS DIAMOND 10 (V) J Jenkins 8-6 P Robinson 7
5 420 FORBIDDEN MONKEY 24 (B) J Berry 8-6 G Carter 1
6 0206 GRANMAS DELIGHT 54 K Ivory 8-6 M Wigham 6
7 63 HONEST WOMAN 12 J Spearing 8-6 A Mackay 4
8 03 PRINCESS CARMEN 7 N Callaghan 8-6 B Raymond 2

7-2 Granmas Delight, 4-1 Candi Das, 9-2 Princess Carmen, 5-1 Poor Willy, Admiring, 11-2 Forbidden Monkey, 7-1 Honest Woman, 14-1 Davids Diamond.

4.05 COTMAN CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O fillies: £4,347: 5f 43yd) (7)

1 3501 NIGHTITUDE 19 (D,F) M Heaton-Ellis 9-2 B Raymond 3
2 4361 ALZIANAH 12 (V,D,G) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0 G Duffield 6
3 1520 ANTONIA'S FOLLY 19 (D,S) J Berry 9-0 G Carter 5
4 10 EVENING FALLS 41 (D,G) J Spearing 9-0 G Hind 4
5 102 CARRIE KOOL 12 (D,S) A Hide 8-12 W Woods 7
6 63 DOMINO QUEEN 12 J Payne 8-10 P Robinson 2
7 0113 RANDONNEUR 19 (D,F,G) E Weymes 8-10 J Quinn 1

11-10 Nightitude, 5-1 Randonneur, 6-1 Carrie Kool, 7-1 Alzianah, 10-1 Evening Falls, Domino Queen, 16-1 Antonia's Folly.

4.35 CARNIVAL HANDICAP
(£2,846: 1m 2f 21yd) (8)

1 3031 MODEST HOPE 6 (D,F,G) B Richmond 6-10-1 (5ex) Alex Greaves 4
2 3206 TAYLORS PRINCE 30 (V,CD,F,G) H Collingridge 6-9-9 J Quinn 8
3 033- RIVE-JUMELLE 117J (D,F,G) M Bell 5-9-7 M Fenton (3) 5
4 -551 BILLYBACK 6 (CD,F) M Ryan 3-9-4 (5ex) P McCabe (7) 3
5 0-04 PLATINUM VENTURE 23 S Woods 3-9-3 W Woods 6
6 -450 PRECUSSION 10 (B,G) R Armstrong 3-9-3 R Price 7
7 2062 DARING PAST 41 (B,D,G) R Boss 3-9-3 G Duffield 2
8 0051 BRONZE MAQUETTE 3 (D,G) B McMath 3-9-2 (5ex) E Johnson 1

2-1 Bronze Maquette, 7-2 Modest Hope, 4-1 Taylors Prince, 6-1 Daring Past, 8-1 Billyback, 10-1 Rive-Jumelle, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Berry, 8 winners from 29 runners, 27.6%; N Callaghan, 8 from 41, 19.5%; H Thomson Jones, 11 from 60, 18.3%; Mrs N Macauley, 12 from 77, 15.6%; W J Haggas, 7 from 45, 15.6%; G Pritchard-Gordon, 12 from 84, 14.3%.

JOCKEYS: G Hind, 4 winners from 20 rides, 20.0%; P Robinson, 10 from 53, 18.9%; G Carter, 23 from 160, 14.4%; W Woods, 4 from 30, 13.3%; G Duffield, 14 from 107, 13.1%. Only qualifiers.

HAMILTON PARK

THUNDERER
6.30 Drumdonna. 7.00 Bidweaya. 7.30 Hickleton Lady. 8.00 Sweet Romeo. 8.30 Diet. 9.00 Sunderland Echo.

GOING: FIRM, GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.30 BONNINGTON SELLING STAKES
(£1,646: 1m 1f 36yd) (6)

1 0060 LAZY RHYTHM 7 (C,G,S) J Eyre 7-9-7 D Pears (5) 6
2 0646 BOLD MELODY 9 (C,F,G) P Haslam 4-9-2 J Weaver (3) 1
3 5-06 NORTHERN RAINBOW 10 I Campbell 5-9-0 Dale Gibson 5
4 -014 OLICANA 6 (C,F) M Hammond 3-8-12 J Marshall (7) 4
5 4220 DRUMDONNA 12 (C,BF,G,S) J Berry 3-8-7 J Fortune 2
6 0-50 BLAKES REACH 6 R Lamb 3-8-5 J Lowe 3

4-6 Northern Rainbow, 4-1 Drumdonna, Olicana, 10-1 Bold Melody, 14-1 Lazy Rhythm, 33-1 Blakes Reach.

7.00 HALT BAR LOBEY DOSSER EL FIDELDO HANDICAP (£2,574: 1m 65yd) (8)

1 0306 TALENTED TING 15 (V,C,D,F,G) P Haslam 4-9-10 J Weaver (3) 7
2 5265 SIR ARTHUR HOBBS 12 (D,F,G) F Lee 6-9-9 S Perks 6
3 5025 NO COMEBACKS 26 (C,D,F,S) E Alston 5-9-8 K Fallon 1
4 3531 FLETCHER'S BOUNTY 7 (V,CD,F) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-4 (5ex) K Darley 3
5 2420 BRAXTON BRAGG 14 (B) M Hammond 3-8-8 J Marshall (7) 5
6 5542 DANCES WITH GOLD 7 (B) M Johnston 3-7-13 Dale Gibson 2
7 0061 BIDWEAYA 6 (D,F,G) J Eyre 6-7-11 J Fanning 8
8 0-00 BLAKENEY BOY 14 R Lamb 3-7-8 J Lowe 4

3-1 Braxton Bragg, 7-2 Fletcher's Bounty, 4-1 Bidweaya, 11-2 Talented Ting, 7-1 Sir Arthur Hobbs, No Comebacks, 8-1 Dances With Gold, 25-1 Blakeney Boy.

7.30 HYNDFORD CLAIMING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,005: 6f 5yd) (6)

1 0503 NOSMO KING 7 (B) J Berry 8-13 J Fortune 6
2 44 HENRY THE HAWK 7 M Dods 8-9 J Weaver (3) 1
3 24 HICKLETON LADY 5 (BF) Mrs M Reveley 8-8 K Darley 2
4 432 BENEFICIARY 8 M H Easterby 8-2 K Fallon 3
5 658 OAKLEY MANOR 12 M Johnston 8-0 J Fanning 5
6 000 CHELSEA LADY 10 I Campbell 7-12 Dale Gibson 4

7-4 Beneficiary, 4-1 Hickleton Lady, Oakley Manor, 5-1 Henry The Hawk, 11-2 Nosmo King, 14-1 Chelsea Lady.

8.00 ORBISTON HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,385: 6f 5yd) (9)

1 0402 BIRCHWOOD SUN 3 (B,D,F,G,S) M Dods 9-7 J Weaver (3) 6
2 -500 HELLO HOBSON'S 31 (B,D,G) R Bastiman 9-7 H Bastiman (7) 3
3 6632 PEEDIE PEAT 7 (V) J J O'Neill 9-2 K Fallon 1
4 0356 PEACEFULL REPLY 54 F Lee 9-0 S Perks 2
5 3012 SWEET ROMEO 3 (D,BF,F,G) M Johnston 8-13 K Darley 8
6 6465 PRINCIPAL PLAYER 5 (V,S) P Monteith 8-12 S D Williams (3) 5
7 1042 KILLY'S FILLY 8 (D,G) J Berry 8-11 J Fortune 7
8 3143 KIMBOLTON KORKER 35 (G) J Balding 8-10 Claire Balding (7) 4
9 6062 BOLD LINE 6 (B) P Haslam 7-7 Dale Gibson 9

5-2 Sweet Romeo, 7-2 Killy's Filly, 9-2 Kimbolton Korker, 11-2 Bold Line, 8-1 Peacefull Reply, 10-1 Hello Hobson's, Peedie Peat, 12-1 others.

8.30 GAETAN BILLIARD CHAMPAGNE APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£1,970: 5f 4yd) (9)

1 2211 MURRAY'S MAZDA 5 (C,F,G,S) J Berry 4-10-4 (7ex) P Roberts (3) 7
2 1054 DIET 5 (V,CD,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 7-9-10 L Aspell (5) 3
3 0460 PALLIUM 5 (D,F,G) M Naughton 5-9-10 V Halliday 5
4 5533 PRINCE BELFORT 7 (CD,F) J Eyre 5-9-7 J Tate 6
5 0025 PAGEBOY 15 (BF,F) P Haslam 4-9-6 C Adamson (7) 2
6 3433 AYR RAIDER 7 (V,C,D,F,G) Miss L Perratt 6-9-3 Claire Balding 8
7 0035 LOFT BOY 27 (D,F,G,S) J Bethell 10-9-3 K Sked (7) 1
8 0544 BARBEZIEUX 9 (D,F,G,S) M Dods 6-8-7 J Marshall 9
9 0501 MEESON TIMES 6 (CD,F,G,S) R Bastiman 5-8-7 (7ex) H Bastiman 4

4-1 Meeson Times, 5-1 Pageboy, Ayr Raider, 11-2 Murray's Mazda, 6-1 Barbezieux, Diet, 10-1 others.

9.00 WALLACE LIMITED STAKES
(£2,364: 1m 4f 17yd) (3)

1 5265 LEGION OF HONOUR 5 (D,F,G) M Naughton 5-9-10 V Halliday 1
2 4211 SUNDERLAND ECHO 6 (CD,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-10 K Darley 3
3 1441 AEGAEN LADY 13 (C,S) J Etherington 4-9-5 J Weaver (3) 2

1-2 Sunderland Echo, 3-1 Aegaen Lady, 7-2 Legion Of Honour.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 23 winners from 91 runners, 25.3%; J Etherington, 6 from 25, 24%; J Berry, 55 from 271, 20.3%; M Hammond, 4 from 23, 17.4%; M H Easterby, 11 from 66, 16.7%; M Johnston, 21 from 133, 15.8%.

JOCKEYS: K Darley, 45 winners from 256 rides, 17.6%; J Weaver, 6 from 34, 17.6%; J Fanning, 17 from 132, 12.9%; Claire Balding, 3 from 24, 12.5%; R P Elliott, 9 from 73, 12.3%; J Fortune, 15 from 125, 12.0%.

SALISBURY

THUNDERER
6.15 Chummy's Pal. 6.45 My Minnie. 7.15 Urry Urry Urry. 7.45 Teanarco. 8.15 River Boyne. 8.45 Supreme Master.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 8.15 Ajfan.

GOING: GOOD SIS
DRAW: HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.15 NEWNHAM MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,728: 1m 4f) (14 runners)

1 2- ALKHAFJI 324 H Cecil 4-9-7 W Ryan 6
2 PUSHY WOMAN A Chamberlain 4-9-2 R Perham 3
3 BAG OF TRICKS G Harwood 3-8-9 Pat Eddery 12
4 0-63 CALL ME BLUE 16 T Naughton 3-8-9 D Holland 14
5 3-4 CHUMMY'S PAL 24 B Hills 3-8-9 R Hills 9
6 00- EL GRANDO 257 K Cunningham-Brown 3-8-9 D Biggs 8
7 60 GREAT PLOVER 10 Mrs A Knight 3-8-9 F Norton 10
8 505 SPICE BOX 33 I Balding 3-8-9 L Dettori 1
9 3 EMMA WOODFORD 24 P Harris 3-8-4 W Newnes 2
10 EUSTATIA M Bolton 3-8-4 C Rutter 13
11 2 LAMBAST 45 D Elsworth 3-8-4 W Carson 5
12 60 MAMARA REEF 22 L Cumani 3-8-4 R Cochrane 7
13 60 MENHAAD 12 A Stewart 3-8-4 S Whitworth 11
14 4330 PISH KESH 8 W Muir 3-8-4 A Clark 4

7-2 Alkhafji, 5-1 Chummy's Pal, 11-2 Bag Of Tricks, 6-1 Emma Woodford, 7-1 Lambast, 8-1 Spice Box, Mamara Reef, 10-1 Call Me Blue, 14-1 others.

6.45 ROBINSON HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,366: 1m) (12)

1 -002 SEA SIREN 12 H Candy 9-7 W Newnes 7
2 560 BALI HERO 14 (B) G Wragg 9-5 R Hills 6
3 0602 DON TOCINO 12 J Dunlop 8-13 L Dettori 9
4 -005 SPRING SUNRISE 8 (C,F,S) M Blanshard 8-12 R Cochrane 5
5 554- STAY WITH ME BABY 283 D Elsworth 8-11 A Procter (5) 12
6 0055 SECRET ASSIGNMENT 9 C Cyzer 8-11 D Biggs 10
7 0400 MURPHY'S HOPE 38 M Heaton-Ellis 8-8 D Holland 11
8 -000 BAYFAN 91 J Moore 8-4 A McGlone 8
9 0360 TAKE THE MICK 14 S Mellor 8-4 C Rutter 3
10 -001 JALIB 30 (F) C Benstead 8-2 W Carson 2
11 0U64 MY MINNIE 21 R Hodges 8-2 J Quinn 1
12 0000 MOST EQUAL 14 P Murphy 8-1 F Norton 4

3-1 Don Tocino, 7-2 Sea Siren, 5-1 Jalib, My Minnie, 13-2 Bali Hero, 8-1 Stay With Me Baby, 10-1 Secret Assignment, 14-1 Spring Sunrise, 20-1 others.

7.15 DOWNING CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,780: 6f) (14)

1 03 DOUBLE BOUNCE 34 K Ivory 9-4 W Newnes 12
2 5484 PRINCELY FAVOUR 5 (B,D,S) R Hannon 9-4 Pat Eddery 2
3 5-0 PRIMOCELLE 13 H Candy 9-13 M Handley (7) 14
4 IVORY HUTCH R O'Sullivan 8-12 D Biggs 8
5 2005 PRINCESS OBERON 7 (F) M Bell 8-11 L Dettori 10
6 0-5 SENOR L'AMOUR 63 A Turnell 8-10 A McGlone 1
7 4-00 ANOTHER KINGDOM 17 (D,F,G) P Howling 8-9 A Clark 4
8 0-00 JEWEL THIEF 51 G Balding 8-8 J Williams 11
9 0054 CHILI LADY 8 P Makin 8-7 T Sprake 9
10 0608 DOCTOR-J 12 M Heaton-Ellis 8-6 S Raymont 13
11 0-06 URRY URRY URRY 12 (D,G) R Williams 8-5 W Carson 7
12 0006 AMBIVALENTATTITUDE 34 D Jermy 8-2 F Norton 5
13 -000 WESTERN VALLEY 34 K Cunningham-Brown 8-1 B Doyle (3) 6
14 DOT THE DOMINO W G M Turner 8-0 D Wright (5) 3

7-4 Urry Urry Urry, 7-2 Princely Favour, 4-1 Princess Oberon, 7-1 Double Bounce, 8-1 Chili Lady, 12-1 Primocelle, 14-1 Senor L'Amour, 20-1 others.

7.45 MAGDALENE FILLIES HANDICAP
(£4,012: 6f 212yd) (13)

1 0145 MY BONUS 10 (F,G) D Cosgrove 3-9-11 D Biggs 8
2 1261 NEITHER NOR 8 (C,D,F,G,S) D Wilson 4-9-10 (6ex) G Carter 7
3 2126 PETONELLAJILL 33 (D,F) R Hannon 3-9-7 Pat Eddery 12
4 4050 QUEEN OF SHANNON 13 (CD,G,S) D Morris 5-9-4 M Tebbutt 10
5 3010 POLAR STORM 50 (CD,BF,F,S) Lady Herries 3-9-3 J Reid 13
6 -562 TEANARCO 13 (CD,F,G,S) P Murphy 5-8-13 L Dettori 2
7 10-0 KYRENIA GAME 78 (D,F,G) P Mitchell 3-8-10 S O'Gorman 11
8 58-0 CANADIAN CAPERS 14 (D,F) M Channon 4-8-4 S Whitworth 1
9 -025 NEWINGTON BUTTS 16 R Akehurst 3-8-3 B Russell (7) 3
10 -000 BROADWAY RUCKUS 13 (V,S) D Laing 4-7-13 T Williams 5
11 3000 NAVARESQUE 36 (D,F,G) R Hodges 8-7-11 F Norton 9
12 -002 SPANISH LOVE 14 (D,F,S) Mrs S Williams 7-7-7 J Quinn 6
13 -600 GUANHUMARA 35 (V) P Walwyn 3-7-7 D Wright (5) 4

5-2 Teanarco, 11-4 Neither Nor, 5-1 Petonellajill, 7-1 My Bonus, 8-1 Polar Storm, 10-1 Canadian Capers, Newington Butts, 14-1 Spanish Love, 16-1 others.

8.15 TRINITY CONDITIONS STAKES
(£3,850: 1m 1f 209yd) (8)

1 -346 ROCKAWHILE 40 (D,BF,G,S) H Cecil 4-9-3 W Ryan 7
2 5525 JACKPOT STAR 36 (S) R Hannon 3-8-12 J Reid 3
3 1 NORTHERN BOUND 26 (F) W Hern 3-8-12 A Clark 2
4 21 PRINCE OF ANDROS 17 (F) D Loder 3-8-12 L Dettori 1
5 4-1 RIVER BOYNE 24 (D,F) G Harwood 3-8-12 Pat Eddery 5
6 1-4 FRONTIER FLIGHT 20 (G) R Charlton 3-8-8 G Carter 6
7 -045 ARUSHA 12 (B,S) D Elsworth 3-8-7 W Carson 8
8 -230 AJFAN 68 (F) H Thomson Jones 3-8-3 R Hills 4

5-2 Ajfan, 3-1 River Boyne, 5-1 Frontier Flight, 7-1 Prince Of Andros, 8-1 Northern Bound, Rockawhile, 10-1 Arusha, 16-1 Jackpot Star.

8.45 PEMBROKE HANDICAP (£3,236: 1m 4f) (14)

1 /000 VITAL CLUE 10 (G) R O'Sullivan 6-10-0 D Biggs 7
2 6004 ACROBATE 19 (B,D,G) D Elsworth 4-9-2 W Carson 6
3 0440 INCOLA 10 (D,F,G,S) H Candy 7-8-13 Antoinette Armes (7) 1
4 0-00 KASHAN 59 (D,F,G) J Bradley 5-8-11 J Williams 11
5 /350 SALMONID 21 (CD,F,G,S) B Meehan 7-8-10 A Lakeman (7) 5
6 1523 SUPREME MASTER 38 (D,S) R Hannon 3-8-9 L Dettori 8
7 3000 ALMOSTAUTOMATIC 9 R Curtis 4-8-9 M Tebbutt 9
8 6345 DUGGAN 9 (C,D,F,G) P Evans 6-8-3 R Cochrane 14
9 0314 FULL QUIVER 10 (V,D,F) Mrs B Waring 8-8-2 D Wright (5) 13
10 0343 THEMEDA 10 (G) G Lewis 4-8-2 D Harrison (3) 10
11 044 WOLLBOLL 15 P Makin 3-7-13 T Sprake 12
12 6536 ROCQUAINE BAY 9 (CD,F) M Bolton 6-7-12 C Rutter 2
13 0540 BOXBOY 10 K Cunningham-Brown 3-7-9 S Dawson 4
14 0100 CORINTHIAN GOD 10 (D,F,G) D Wilson 4-7-8 J Quinn 3

11-4 Supreme Master, 100-30 Themeda, 9-2 Acrobate, 6-1 Full Quiver, 13-2 Wollboll, 8-1 Incola, 12-1 Duggan, 14-1 Rocquaine Bay, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Harwood, 27 winners from 87 runners, 31.0%; L Cumani, 8 from 29, 27.6%; H Cecil, 4 from 15, 26.7%; A Stewart, 4 from 16, 25.0%; R Charlton, 7 from 40, 17.5%; M Bell, 5 from 29, 17.2%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 23 wins from 104 rides, 22.1%; W Carson, 21 from 133, 15.8%; R Cochrane, 21 from 149, 14.1%; D Harrison, 4 from 29, 13.8%; J Reid, 19 from 141, 13.5%; G Carter, 6 from 45, 13.3%.

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Tavaré gets best of captaincy battle in NatWest Trophy quarter-final at Taunton

Caddick and Mushtaq heap misery on Stewart

BY IVO TENNANT

TAUNTON: Somerset beat Surrey by 43 runs

IT WAS just not Alec Stewart's day. As if being passed over for the England captaincy was not sufficient disappointment, his Surrey side were beaten rather more easily than they, or Somerset, would have envisaged. Needing 205 off 51.1 overs when this NatWest Trophy quarter-final resumed, theirs was a lingering but inexorable capitulation. From the last ten overs, Surrey needed 70, and even though they had four wickets in hand, that was simply too much.

In spite of Thorpe making a half-century, the asking rate had been creeping up all morning without being checked. To strike only two fours in an innings of 58 will not suffice when brute hitting is required.

Only when Darren Bicknell was in partnership with Thorpe did Surrey prosper, and then not for long enough. Caddick was sensibly brought back by Tavaré and induced a defensive jab from Bicknell that resulted in a catch at the wicket. That was 89 for two and Lynch and Brown soon followed.

Mushtaq had Lynch caught behind and Brown stumped, not adhering to the old adage of playing for lunch. Not the least of Tavaré's attributes as captain of Somerset has been to imbue the realisation in Mushtaq that his ills are more imaginary than real. That and using him as an attacking leg spinner, even on this slow pitch, as Imran Khan did when captaining him in the World Cup. Mushtaq finished with figures of 12-2-36-2.

In fact, every bowling change that Tavaré made yesterday came off. When van Troost did not look as if he would achieve a breakthrough, Mallender was brought on. Caddick's remaining overs were utilised whenever any batsman looked as if he might dominate. This is what a captain can still contribute if, like Tavaré, he is 38 and finds it increasingly hard to concentrate at the crease.

When Somerset were last a dominant side in one-day cricket, a decade ago, Tavaré was leading Kent. In other words, he has had years of experience at coaxing the best out of a number of high-class bowlers: Dilley, Alderman, Underwood, Ellison and now Caddick and Mushtaq.

Yesterday Stewart was talking about being overlooked for the England captaincy. He is not alone in that.

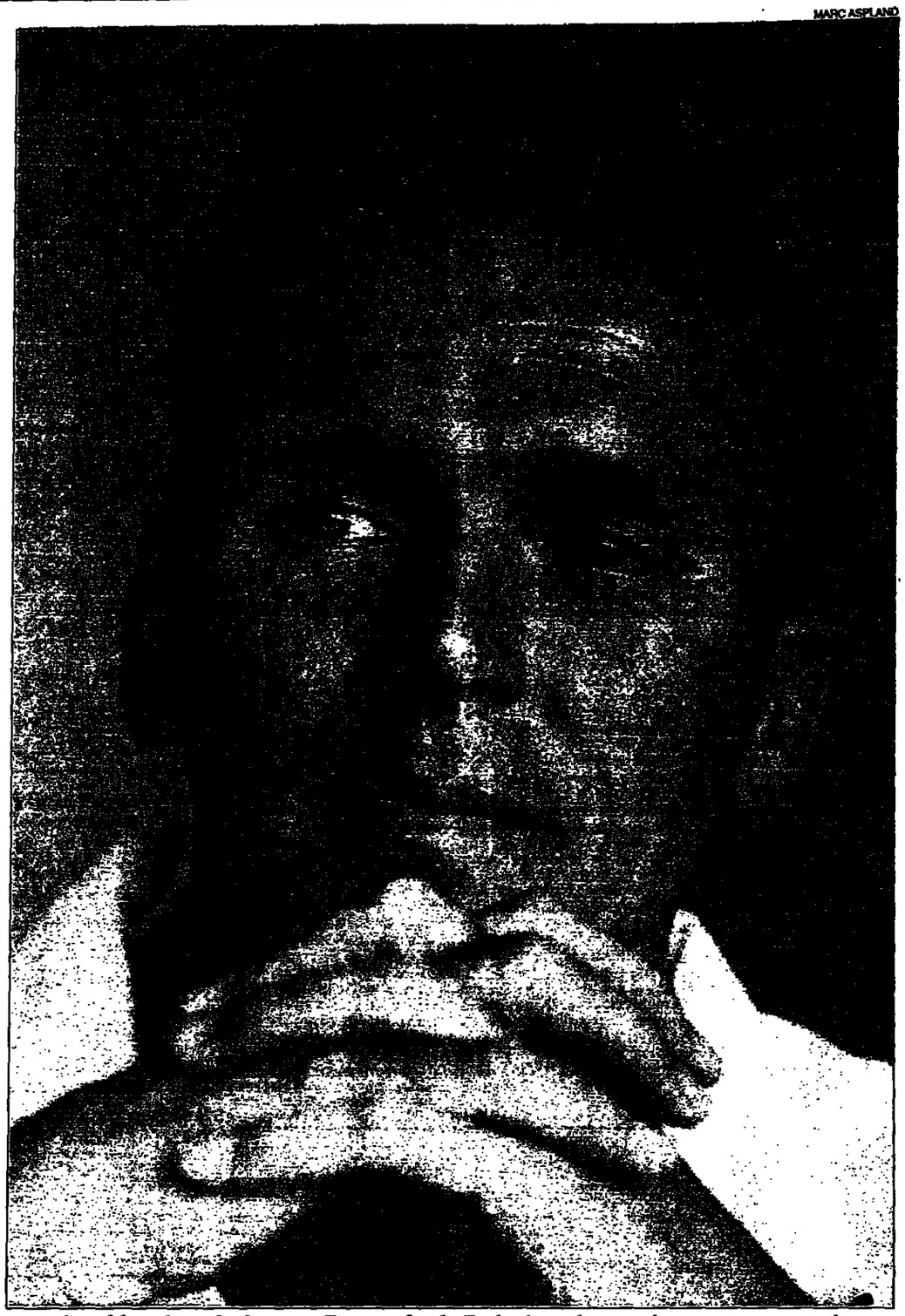
Mushtaq, in contrast to the quicker bowlers, was given his overs in one spell, not least because these were so frugal. That, coupled with making 35 off 31 balls on Tuesday, earned him the man-of-the-match award from Jim Parks ahead of Caddick, who, with the help of Mallender, worked his way through the Surrey order.

Caddick had Thorpe very well taken at gully by Trump, the substitute fielder, and then it was a question of accounting for an unconvincing tail. He finished with five for 30.

There were 19 balls remaining when Boiling, roundly abused by the crowd for his contretemps with Rose on Tuesday, was bowled by Caddick. Cider is a fashionable drink again, not least here. But this is such a pleasant club and county that any success Somerset have is greatly welcomed.

In 1983, when they won the NatWest Trophy, they beat Shropshire. They did not play them again until they beat them in the first round earlier this season. It is a nice omen.

MARC ASPLAND



One of those days: Alec Stewart at Taunton after the England captaincy appointment was announced

Blakey and White battle in vain

BY JACK BAILEY

HEADINGLEY: Warwickshire beat Yorkshire by 21 runs

IT WAS a stout effort. Yorkshire did at least show the sort of fight that used to be a byword with them. Richard Blakey and Craig White caused Warwickshire a few furrowed brows as they added 105 runs for the sixth wicket from 23 of the 31 overs remaining yesterday. But the day's target of 177 runs was a tall order with only five wickets left, and in the end it proved too much.

In fact, Warwickshire moved into the NatWest Trophy semi-finals more easily than the margin of 21 runs might suggest. Blakey and White played uncommonly well, but they never could achieve the run-rate needed to put Yorkshire on terms with the clock. Singles were frequent, fours were rare. The bowling was never collared. The Yorkshire innings was contained even when it was at its most fluent.

Without doubt, as the Yorkshire sixth-wicket pair went on and on, Reeve's mind and the nerves of his men were tested. But they were equal to the occasion. Reeve switched his bowlers astutely. Once White had been caught at long-on from a stroke born of the pressing requirement to reduce a required run-rate which had crept up to almost ten an over with only seven overs left, the end was nigh.

Blakey continued to play beautifully for a while — like White, he achieved his highest score in the competition — but it was asking too much of the tail to cope with the likes of Donald and Paul Smith, while scoring faster than their more accomplished predecessors. So it was that Smith picked up a few cheap wickets at the end, and by 12.30pm it was all over.

The match had really been won and lost when Ratcliffe scored his maiden century in this competition on Tuesday, and he and Reeve had pushed their side from the edge of doom. Ratcliffe's impeccable innings rightly earned him the man-of-the-match award, although Reeve's batting, bowling, and leadership of a team which responded well to his example could have earned him that accolade in many other circumstances.

How Warwickshire will fare without Donald, now on his way to serve South Africa against Sri Lanka, is open to question. But one thing seems certain: with Reeve at the helm, they will not miss too many tricks.

☐ Sri Lanka looked to Arjuna Ranatunga, their captain and most experienced Test player, to keep them on the trail of India's score of 366 on the second day of the second Test in Colombo yesterday. By close of play, Sri Lanka had recovered from 96 for four to 200 for four, with Ranatunga undefeated on 82.

Ruthless Sussex prove too hot to handle

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

NORTHAMPTON: Sussex beat Northamptonshire by 40 runs

SUSSEX swept through to their first NatWest Trophy semi-final for seven years with an outstanding display at Northampton yesterday. They eliminated the holders, Northamptonshire, by 40 runs after claiming the last seven wickets for 43 in 14 overs.

Alan Wells, the Sussex captain, said: "We beat the holders on their own patch. Nobody will fancy playing us in the semi-final. We were pumped up and determined, and, although we did so well today, the running out of Allan Lamb last night was probably the major turning-point.

"Northamptonshire were probably the slight favourites at the start, but our game plan was to keep pressure on Nigel Felton by stopping him nudging and deflecting the runs he was getting early in his innings. The pitch was getting slower and it was getting harder to score in that way. We gave nothing away and bowled very tightly. We reached the semi-final in 1986 and went on to win the trophy. Hopefully this is an omen."

Northamptonshire needed 85 off 20 overs to win the unfinished tie and reach their fourth successive semi-final, but the loss of Malachy Loye to the tenth ball and the rapid departure of the big-hitting Kevin Curran put Sussex into command. Loye pushed at a ball from Tony Pigott, the long-serving fast bowler, and was well caught low down to his right by Peter Moores, the wicketkeeper, who followed up by holding on to an edge by Curran off Ed Giddins.

Next to go was Penberthy, the all-rounder, who was brilliantly run out by Wells, at 167. Felton played a ball from Giddins between the stumps at the bowler's end and Penberthy, and Wells raced from mid-on to throw down the stumps at the striker's end.

Felton, who was 40 not out overnight, finally cracked under the pressure Wells was exerting. After taking 134 balls to reach his half-century, Felton holed out to long-on, where he was caught by Hall, the Sussex substitute, to bring a deserved success to the leg spinner, Salisbury.

Felton had ground his way to a painstaking 53 made in 52 overs and left Northamptonshire's tailenders a task they were never likely to achieve against Salisbury, Pigott and Franklyn Stephenson. Stephenson, so difficult to play yesterday, took the man-of-the-match award from the adjudicator, John Lever, the former England bowler, as reward for excellent figures of 11-5-25-2, using all his experience to guide his county home in the final tense overs.

Glamorgan's spirit could prove remedy for England

Lefebvre: amiable

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

SWANSEA: Glamorgan beat Worcestershire by 104 runs

IF YOU could distill the spirit that makes Glamorgan such a harmonious and winning side, and bottle it, England would do much more than beat Australia once every six years. We would also turn out more cars than the Germans, make more television sets than the Japanese, and brew more beer than the Belgians. In fact — whisper it — Wales might start to win rugby matches.

As he surveys the clear view from the latest peak his players have scaled, Hugh Morris has more to fear from an abundance of confidence than any team opponents may put into the field. Worcestershire were humbled here by 104 runs, utterly outbatted, outbowled and outfielded.

This weekend, as a new England captain sits down to help select a side for the fifth Test match, Glamorgan play the Australians at Neath. At least four men have further impressions to make and nobody should doubt they will not be trying their utmost.

"We respect the way the Australians have been playing their cricket and, barring injuries, we will put out the best side we can," said Morris, one of that ambitious quartet. The other three members are Colin Metson, Steve Watkin and yesterday's man of the match, Matthew Maynard.

No one is more aware than Maynard that he needs to make bigger scores in championship cricket to present an unanswerable case for selection for the winter tour to West Indies. Few people who have seen him this season would contest that, whatever statistics signify, there are fewer batsmen more capable of ruining a bowler's well-being.

Maynard's brilliant 84 on the first day of this rain-affected game gave Glamorgan's bowlers a mighty fillip when they came to defend the target of 280. Worcestershire, who needed 240 from 37 overs when play resumed, lost their eight remaining wickets with 9.1 overs to spare. Theirs was an abject performance, and Tim Curtis, the captain, obviously has some sorting-out to do if he is to remodel his team effectively.

Suitably it was Maynard's throw which ran out Illingworth, that ended the innings on an equally appropriate morning of glorious sunshine. After Hick's departure in the third over of the day, Worcestershire more or less conceded the match — their third defeat at the hands of Glamorgan within a week.

With three wickets to put alongside his valuable innings, Adrian Dale also had a good claim for the individual award. So, too, did Roland Lefebvre, the amiable Dutchman, whose dental features and piercing eyes resemble a youthful Ken Dodd. Worcestershire were not at all tickled by the four maidens he bowled on Tuesday night, which established the tone of their reply.

D'Oliveira was absolutely discomknockerated to see Lefebvre hold an acrobatic catch at long-on, but no more than Rhodes, who was caught after five juggles by Steve Barwick, the bowler. In more senses than one, this spirit is catching.

Taylor exacts his predictable toll

BY PETER BALL

OLD TRAFFORD (first day of three; Australians won toss): the Australians have scored 232 for three against Lancashire

PERHAPS it was just as well that Michael Atherton had to go to London to accept the England captaincy yesterday. Had he been at Old Trafford he might already be regretting his ready acceptance as, once again, the Australians, and in particular Mark Taylor, put an English attack to the sword.

The opposition makes little difference to Taylor when he gets to Old Trafford. Having twice taken Test centuries off the England attack, his hundred yesterday as acting captain against Lancashire, without Wasim Akram and apparently also lacking incentive, seemed almost inevitable from the moment he arrived at the crease.

DeFreitas, for one, will be glad to see the last of the Australian opener. At least in the Test he induced a false stroke or two and a palpable chance in the slips. Yesterday Taylor gave not a hint of fallibility.

He hit 14 fours, treating all the bowling with care but without undue respect. As usual he on-drove pleasingly and even, for such an undemonstrative cricketer, unveiled a rare flourish, a pull for six off Barnett of such force that his momentum carried him two or three steps towards square leg.

He had batted in all for 191 balls, his 122 including a five for a quick single, when he skyed a sweep to long leg. The stroke owed more to understandable ennui than any deception in the bowling.

Hayden stayed with his captain in a century opening partnership, scoring a fluent 61 before the persevering Martin brought Lancashire's first success. Hayden looking pointedly at his bat before departing leg-before. He was replaced by Martyn, who soon launched into some extravagant strokes.

Lancashire, it must be said, did not bowl very well, but then nor have England. DeFreitas, who was in the attack when the Test series began, believes that he is bowling well without luck on flat pitches, but until he was provoked into a series of bouncers at Martyn after tea, he appeared to lack that vital spark that is often the difference between bowling batsmen out and bowling them in. On a good pitch, Martin, Gallian and Watkinson, in his quicker style, offered little threat.

Barnett might have done. He turned a couple of balls sharply enough to make the eyes of Warne and May gleam with anticipation, but his line was erratic and the Australians used their feet to unsettle his length.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

NatWest Trophy
Quarter-finals

Glamorgan v Worcestershire

SWANSEA. *Glamorgan beat Worcestershire by 104 runs*

GLAMORGAN 270 for 9 (60 overs: M P Maynard 84, S P James 68)

WORCESTERSHIRE

*T S Curtis b Lefebvre	10
W P C Weston c and b Dale	25
G A Hick c Lefebvre b Dale	11
D B D'Oliveira c Lefebvre b Barwick	24
D A Leatherdale b Dale	20
†S J Rhodes c and b Barwick	19
S R Lampitt c Metson b Lefebvre	17
P J Newport b Croft	2
R K Illingworth run out	18
N V Radford run out	8
C M Tolley not out	12
Extras (b 1, lb 9)	9
Total (60.5 overs)	175

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-40, 3-59, 4-86, 5-101, 6-127, 7-142, 8-145, 9-145

BOWLING: Watkin 9-2-31-0; Lefebvre 11-5-13-2; Barwick 10-0-39-2; Dale 12-0-54-3; Richards 3.5-1-13-0; Croft 5-1-16-1.

Umpires: R Julian and B J Meyer

Yorkshire v Warwickshire

HEADINGLEY. *Warwickshire beat Yorkshire by 21 runs*

WARWICKSHIRE 245 (59.4 overs: J D Ratcliffe 105, D A Reeve 50).

YORKSHIRE

*M D Moxon c Ratcliffe b Small	7
A P Grayson b Donald	5
R B Richardson c Penney b Reeve	8
D Byas run out	20
A A Metcalfe lbw b P A Smith	12
†R J Blakey c Oster b P A Smith	75
C White c Oster b N M K Smith	46
P J Hartley b Donald	2
D Gough c N M K Smith b P A Smith	16
J D Batty c Penney b P A Smith	3
M A Robinson not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 12, w 15, nb 2)	30
Total (59.2 overs)	224

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-23, 3-31, 4-69, 5-69, 6-174, 7-187, 8-203, 9-224.

BOWLING: Donald 12-3-38-2; Small 12-3-38-1; Reeve 12-3-42-1; P A Smith 11.2-1-37-4; Twose 8-0-23-0; N M K Smith 4-0-17-1

Umpires: J W Holder and R A White.

Somerset v Surrey

TAUNTON. *Somerset beat Surrey by 43 runs*

SOMERSET 230 for 9 (60 overs. M P Bicknell 4 for 35)

SURREY

D J Bicknell c Burns b Caddick	32
*†A J Stewart c Burns b Caddick	15
G P Thorpe c sub b Caddick	58
M A Lynch c Burns b Mushtaq	5
A D Brown st Burns b Mushtaq	26
D M Ward lbw b Mallender	3
M A Butcher c Burns b Mallender	15
M P Bicknell b Caddick	12
Wagar Younis b Rose	3
J Boiling b Caddick	2
J E Benjamin not out	1
Extras (lb 6, w 7, nb 2)	15
Total (56.5 overs)	187

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-89, 3-102, 4-144, 5-149, 6-153, 7-178, 8-181, 9-186.

BOWLING: Caddick 10.5-1-30-5; Mallender 12-3-28-2; Rose 12-1-42-1; Van Troost 10-0-45-0; Mushtaq Ahmed 12-2-36-2.

Umpires: J D Bond and J H Hampshire.

Northamptonshire v Sussex

NORTHAMPTON. *Sussex beat Northamptonshire by 40 runs*

SUSSEX 230 for 9 (60 overs)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

A Fordham b Giddins	16
N A Felton c sub b Salisbury	53
R J Bailey c Moores b Stephenson	4
*A J Lamb run out	71
M B Loye c Moores b Pigott	8
K M Curran c Moores b Giddins	1
A L Penberthy run out	3
†D Ripley not out	10
C E L Ambrose b Stephenson	0
J P Taylor b Salisbury	1
N G B Cook c Moores b Pigott	1
Extras (lb 12, w 8, nb 2)	22
Total (58.2 overs)	190

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-25, 3-138, 4-147, 5-156, 6-167, 7-177, 8-177, 9-180.

BOWLING: Stephenson 11-5-25-2; Giddins 10-3-21-2; Salisbury 12-0-49-2; C M Wells 12-0-43-0; Pigott 10.2-1-40-2.

Umpires: D R Shepherd and R Palmer.

Tour match

Lancashire v Australians

OLD TRAFFORD. *(first day of three: Australians won toss): Australians have scored 232 runs for three wickets against Lancashire*

AUSTRALIANS: First Innings

*M A Taylor c DeFreitas b Barnett	122
M L Hayden lbw b Martin	61
D R Martyn not out	70
M J Slater lbw b Martin	20
M E Waugh not out	4
Extras (lb 1, nb 4)	5
Total (3 wkts)	282

S R Waugh, †T J Zoehrer, M G Hughes, S K Warne, T B A May and W J Holdsworth to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-117, 2-243, 3-275

BOWLING: DeFreitas 17-2-41-0; Martin 20-5-63-2; Watkinson 14-1-68-0; Barnett 20-1-87-1; Gallian 9-0-22-0

LANCASHIRE: G D Mendis, J P Crawley, S P Titchard, N J Speak, G D Lloyd, J E R Gallian, P A J DeFreitas, *M Watkinson, †W K Hegg, P J Martin, A A Barnett.

Umpires: B DudleSton and M K Reed.

Test match

Sri Lanka v India

COLOMBO *(second day of five): Sri Lanka, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 166 runs behind India*

INDIA: First Innings

M Prabhakar lbw b Gurusinha	4
N S Sidhu c Tillekeratne b Warnaweera	82
V G Kambli c Mahanama b Hathurusinghe	125
S R Tendulkar c Tillekeratne b Kalpage	28
*M Azharuddin low b Wickremasinghe	28
P K Amre c Kalpage b Warnaweera	21
Kapil Dev low b Gurusinha	35
†K S More c Mahanama b Warnaweera	4
A R Kumble low b Wickremasinghe	7
R Chauhan c A M de Silva b Wickremasinghe	2
J Srinath not out	0
Extras (b 9, lb 3, nb 16, w 10)	38
Total	366

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-150, 3-219, 4-282, 5-311, 6-352, 7-362, 8-363, 9-366

BOWLING: Liyanage 19-3-64-0 (nb5, w2); Wickremasinghe 27-6-63-3 (nb5, w3); Hathurusinghe 17-2-48-1 (w4); Gurusinha 16-2-49-2 (nb6); Warnaweera 21.1-1-76-3 (nb6), Kalpage 8-1-34-1

SRI LANKA: First Innings

R S Mahanama c More b Prabhakar	22
U C Hathurusinghe b Kumble	37
A P Gurusinha low b Prabhakar	4
P A de Silva c Azharuddin b Kumble	22
*A Ranatunga not out	82
†H P Tillekeratne not out	23
Extras (lb 5, nb 1, w 4)	10
Total (4 wkts)	200

R S Kalpage, A M de Silva, D Liyanage, G P Wickremasinghe and K P J Warnaweera to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-58, 3-85, 4-98.

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 11-4-26-0; Prabhakar 15-5-42-2; Srinath 10-3-31-0; Kumble 16-2-54-2; Chauhan 10-1-42-0.

Umpires: S Ponnadura and I Anandappa.

Women's World Cup

England v West Indies

ARUNDEL *(England won toss): England beat West Indies by four wickets*

WEST INDIES

E Cassar run out	10
*A Browne c Britton b Smithies	11
J Stanley c Taylor b Smithies	15
C James c Daniels b Smith	4
E Gregg low b Smith	3
†S Power-Wilson c Daniels b Taylor	23
C Singh c Daniels b Hodges	19
E Cunningham b Taylor	2
D Luke c Smit b Hodges	15
P Falcon not out	5
J Robinson run out	3
Extras (lb 2, w 6, nb 3)	10
Total (59.4 overs)	120

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-24, 3-43, 4-45, 5-57, 6-85, 7-93, 8-108, 9-113.

BOWLING: Chamberlain 12-5-12-0; Taylor 12-3-15-2; Hodges 12-5-27-2; Smithies 12-3-24-2; Smith 8.4-0-18-2; Stock 5-0-22-0.

ENGLAND

J Bittin c Cassar b Singh	46
W Watson lbw b Luke	4
C Hodges b Luke	11
B Daniels b Luke	7
*K Smithies c Cassar b Singh	0
J Chamberlain not out	34
D Maybury low b Sterling	7
D Stock not out	7
Extras (w 8, nb 1)	7
Total (9 wkts, 48.1 overs)	123

G Smith, C Taylor and †J Smit did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-64, 3-70, 4-70, 5-78, 6-100.

BOWLING: Robinson 8-0-29-0; Cunningham 6-0-22-0; Luke 12-2-27-3; Singh 12-3-20-2; Sterling 7-1-15-1; James 1.1-0-9-0.

Umpires: A Fox and S Marshall.

OTHER MATCHES: Marlow: Holland 134-8 (60 overs); Ireland 136-6 (56.3 overs). Dulwich: Denmark 76 (54 overs); Australia 77 for 3 (8.5 overs). Ealing: New Zealand 154-3 (60 overs); India 112 (55 overs).

TABLE

	P	W	L	Pts
New Zealand	6	6	0	24
Australia	6	5	1	20
England	6	5	1	20
India	6	3	3	12
Ireland	6	2	4	8
West Indies	6	1	5	4
Holland	6	1	5	4
Denmark	6	1	5	4

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England's fate is in the balance

BY STUART JONES

ARUNDEL: England beat West Indies by four wickets

ALL was going well until tea but England then had to endure a fraught couple of hours against the West Indies, and their anxiety will not cease until the close of play this evening. A place in the women's World Cup final at Lord's on Sunday still hangs finely in the balance.

Assuming that England beat Holland at Ealing, a prospect which lies somewhere between probability and certainty, their fate will rest on the outcome of the match between the Australia and New Zealand at Beckenham. Even that may not be conclusive and the finalists could yet be decided on their respective run-rates.

If New Zealand retain their unbeaten record, they are sure to appear at Lord's. If they lose to Australia, however, and providing no mishap befalls England, the three leading nations will each have identical records featuring one defeat.

According to the slide-rules available at Arundel last night, Australia, the holders, are in the best position. Their run-rate, lifted by their extraordinary victory over Denmark yesterday, stands at 3.432. England's is only marginally lower, at 3.342, and New Zealand's is 3.030.

If England had averted a dramatic collapse all too familiar to the observers of the male national side, their fate might have been more assured. In a spectacularly picturesque setting, no clouds were on the horizon until late afternoon.

The West Indies gathered momentum only when the appropriately named Stephanie Power-Wilson came to the crease. With a robust 23, she and Cherry-Ann Singh belatedly brought a flavour of the calypso style usually associated with representatives of the Caribbean. Nevertheless, the total of 120 seemed meagre.

Barbara Daniels, the England wicketkeeper, distinguished herself by taking three catches and running out the final batsman with a direct shy. She was the prime example of the fine fielding that has so far been the outstanding feature of the tournament.

Janette Brittin, the prolific England opener, has been the outstanding batsman and victory appeared assured while she was compiling another innings of note. Yet she was one of four victims to fall for only 13 runs in five overs.

England, at 76 for 5, tottered momentarily on the edge of a conclusive defeat. They were rescued by Jo Chamberlain, a fast bowler, who struck 34 in little over an hour. The female version of the village blacksmith, she claimed the decisive boundary and the player-of-the-match award.

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BBC1

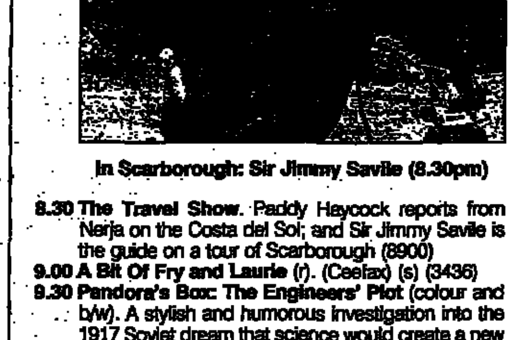
6.00 Business Breakfast (38078)
7.00 Breakfast News (16066894)
9.05 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles. Cartoon (r) (5294165) **9.30 Why Don't You..?** Entertaining ideas for youngsters at a loose end (r) (s) (92542)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (3383788) **10.05 Playdays.** For infants (s) (9243271) **10.25 Run the Risk.** Game show (r) (s) (9229691) **10.50 The O-Zone.** Pop music magazine (s) (7466504)
11.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6363523) **11.05 Knots Landing.** American drama serial (4704788) **11.50 Animal Heroes.** Cartoon series based on actual cases of animal bravery (8096813)
12.00 News *(Ceefax), regional news and weather* (7910894) **12.05 The Mississippi.** The first of two films in which Captain Cousteau and his team explore the myth and reality of the mighty river (1987691) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (36835523)
1.00 One O'Clock News with John Tusa. (Ceefax) Weather (69829)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (72571368) **1.50 Going For Gold.** General knowledge quiz. The question-master is the garrulous Henry Kelly (s) (72575184)
2.15 Glorious Goodwood. Live coverage of the 2.30, 3.10, 3.45 and, on BBC2 4.15 races (135639)
4.00 Cartoon featuring Alley Cat (r) (2484455) **4.10 Orville and Cuddles** (r) (2091271) **4.15 The All New Popeye Show.** Two cartoons (r) (3654417) **4.35 Tom Alone.** Episode two of the three-part Canadian children's drama. (Ceefax) (1589233)
5.00 Newsround (6573271) **5.10 Record Breakers** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5269146)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (735165). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Andrew Harvey and Jennie Bond. (Ceefax) Weather (639)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (691). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Top of the Pops. (Ceefax) (s) (9875)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (875)
8.00 Keeping Up Appearances. Hyacinth's enthusiasm for art coincides with *husband* Richard's desire to join the Foreign Legion. Starring Patricia Routledge and Clive Swift (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8523)
8.30 Crime Limited presented by Nick Ross. (Ceefax) (s) (2418)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (5894)

Identical twins: Theresa Russell (9.30pm)

9.30 Thicker Than Water. (Ceefax) (s): See Choice (32455)
11.00 Sylvania Waters. Thankfully the last in the fly-on-the-wall series about a feuding Australian household. (Ceefax) (7639)
11.30 Spenser For Hire. American private detective drama series starring Robert Urich (s) (665287)
12.15am By-election Special. David Dimbleby presents live coverage of the result of the Christchurch by-election, followed by a discussion on its implications (86124671). Ends at *2.45*
5.00-6.00 BBC Select: Executive Business Club. Scrambled (62214) **5.30 ScottishPower.** Highlights of the 1993 annual general meeting (60295)

BBC2

6.45 Open University (5093829) **8.00 Breakfast News** (2896165) **8.15 Westminster** (1148875)
9.00 Film: Till the End of Time (1946, b/w) starring Dorothy Maguire, Guy Madison and Robert Mitchum. Well-crafted drama about American GIs trying to cope with civilian life after the second world war. Directed by Edward Dmytryk (21356184)
10.40 Film: The Egg and I (1947, b/w) starring Claudette Colbert and Fred MacMurray. Likeable comedy about a newly wed city couple who become chicken farmers. Directed by Chester Erskine (63449981)
12.30 The Great Palace – The Story of Parliament. The second of an eight-part series (r) (1754962)
1.20 Bertha. Animation (r) (17575788)
1.35 Wildlife Safari To the Argentine (r) (24329813)
2.00 News *(Ceefax) and weather (65302184) followed by* **Northern Lights.** Artist David Blackburn returns to his native Yorkshire (r) (65302184)
2.05 Christina's World. A documentary about the 1948 painting by Andrew Wyeth, *Christina's World*, which became an American classic (r) (4365908)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (3567146) followed by **James Cameron: Once Upon a Time** (r) (2630558) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9350078)
4.00 Glorious Goodwood. The 4.15 race (504)
4.30 Film: The Tarnished Angels (1957, b/w) starring Rock Hudson, Robert Stack and Dorothy Malone. Sturdy drama about a newspaper reporter who becomes a stunt man during the American Depression. Directed by Douglas Sirk (40813)
6.00 Film: The Last Voyage (1960) starring Robert Stack, Dorothy Malone and George Sanders. Realistic disaster movie about a fire on an aging liner *that threatens the lives of the passengers and* crew. Directed by Andrew L. Stone (65610)
7.30 A Kiss To Build a Dream On. The career of Michael Caton-Jones, a former punk from Scotland, now a successful Hollywood film director (417)
8.00 Business Matters: Get Better or Get Beaten. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (6165)



In Scarborough: Sir Jimmy Savile (8.30pm)

8.30 The Travel Show. Paddy Haycock reports from Nerja on the Costa del Sol; and Sir Jimmy Savile is the guide on a tour of Scarborough (8900)
9.00 A Bit Of Fry and Laurie (r). (Ceefax) (s) (3436)
9.30 Pandora's Box: The Engineers' Plot (colour and b/w). A stylish and humorous investigation into the 1917 Soviet dream that science would create a new world (r). (Ceefax) (62455)
10.30 Newsnight with Sue Cameron. (Ceefax) (444981)
11.15 No Stilettos. Among singer Eddie Reader's guests are the Jayhawks and the Trashcan Sinatras (s) (684287) **11.55 Weather** (203146)
12.00 Jumpcuts. Open University preview (2344011)
12.05am A Time to Learn. Adult illiteracy in Britain (3228363). Ends at **1.00**

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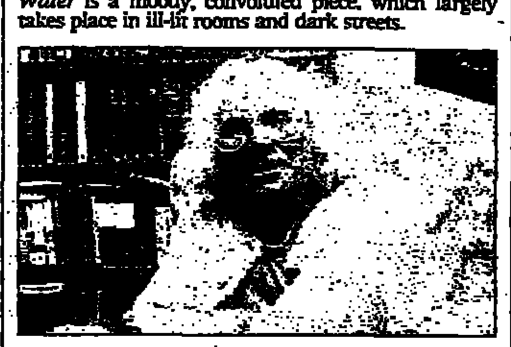
CHOICE

Thicker Than Water
BBC1, 9.30pm

This is not so much a psychological thriller as a psychiatric one. Most of the leading characters are either deranged to start with or rapidly going that way. *A story of identical twins is often* a good source for hang-ups, particularly when black and white flashbacks show us what they got up to as children. The twins are both played by the American actress Theresa Russell, although the drama is set in south Wales. One twin is married to GP Jonathan Pryce, the other to copper Robert Pugh. One is expecting a baby, the other desperately wants one. In the midst of family tensions, a young man escapes from a mental hospital. Scripted by the reliable Trevor Preston, *Thicker Than Water* is a moody, convoluted piece, which largely takes place in ill-lit rooms and dark streets.



Change of sex: Laura, formerly Robin (C4, 8.00pm)

Moments of Crisis
Channel 4, 8.00pm

Mavis Nicholson rounds off her series on people who have experienced personal upheavals by talking to Laura and Dorothy. The crux of their story is that up to a year or so ago Laura was Robin. A retired electronics engineer, Robin had been married to Dorothy for 30 years. But the relationship had been frequently troubled by Robin's admission that he would be more comfortable as a woman. After months of agonising, he decided on the change of sex. The courage of taking that step is echoed by the pair's willingness to face the television cameras and talk about it. As usual Nicholson's sympathetic questioning brings the most out of her subjects. The result is both candid and devoid of embarrassment.

Avanti!
Channel 4, 8.30pm

Billy Wilder's film opens with a typical piece of black humour, involving a clothes-swopping episode in an airport lavatory, as Jack Lemmon's American businessman is summoned to Italy on the death of his father. There is a bizarre twist. Dad died with a secret mistress. Moreover, the mistress's daughter (Juliet Mills) is staying at Lemmon's hotel and family history *starts to repeat itself. Romantic comedy* is not the usual forte of the acerbic Wilder and his script writer, I.A.L. Diamond, but they carry it off with wit and charm if at somewhat excessive length. Lemmon gives his performance a typically nervous edge and Clive Revill has a screen-stealing role as the hotel manager.

Business Matters: Get Better or Get Beaten
BBC2, 8.00pm

A report on the drive for quality in British industry reveals how companies are successfully learning the lessons of Japan. Ilford, makers of photographic film, Gossard of Wonderbra fame, and the car maker Rover have all flourished by overturning traditional methods and making quality a matter for the whole workforce. Indeed, the film at times resembles a promotional video as union leader Bill Jordan, smiling workers and delighted managers all say how wonderful things now are. *Hard information on how much Rover cars have* improved might have made the report more credible. Meanwhile we must take Rover's word for it that it is not only matching the Japanese on quality but could be set to overtake them.

Peter Waymark

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (5525233)
9.25 The Edge. Teen magazine (s) (5290349) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (4639894)
10.00 Elfego Baca. Western series (3324900) **10.55 News** headlines (7857233)
11.00 James Bond Jr (7867610) **11.25 Win, Lose or Draw** Game show (7877097) **11.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7144829)
12.00 Cartoon starring Goofy (r) (3232146) **12.10 The Riddlers** (r) (2494707)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Carol Barnes. (Teletext) (7784184) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (17590097)
1.15 Home and Away Australian family drama. (Teletext) (107962) **1.45 A Country Practice.** Medical drama (s) (106233)
2.15 House Style. Home improvement ideas (121542)
2.45 Take the High Road (1486766)
3.10 ITN News headlines (3578252) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3577523) **3.20 The Young Doctors.** Drama series (2094349)
3.50 Cartoon featuring Porky Pig and Daffy Duck (9146078) **3.55 The Wisdom of the Gnomes.** Animated adventures (5866165) **4.20 Rolf's Cartoon Club** (r) (3660078) **4.45 Tiny Toon Adventures** (r) (1503813)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (2572368)
5.40 Early Evening News with Dermot Murnaghan. (Teletext) Weather (441829)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) (73417)
7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (7271)
7.30 Voyager: The Adventure of the Aileach. The story of eight young men retracing a 12th-century voyage from Scotland to the Faroes in a replica *Celtic galley (s) (271)*
8.00 The Bill: Outbreak. The Sun Hill force is put on alert when a violent prisoner escapes from jail. (Teletext) (3691)

Duet: Michael Ball and Cliff Richard (8.30pm)

8.30 Michael Ball. The singer's guests are Cliff Richard and Elaine Paige. (Teletext) (s) (2726)
9.00 Soldier, Soldier. Watchable series about a British army regiment stationed in Hong Kong (r). (Teletext) (s) (2436)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (48233) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (382287)
10.40 Metroland. A six-part series by new directors examining overlooked aspects of everyday life. It begins with a film by Henry Chancellor on vans and their owners (s) (760320)
11.10 Film: A Lovely Way To Go (1968) starring Kirk Douglas, Sylva Koscina and Eli Wallach. Tedious thriller about a former New York policeman hired to protect a woman accused of murdering her wealthy husband. Directed by David Lowell Rich (245078)
1.10 The Twilight Zone: World Play. A tale of the supernatural (1057856)
1.35 Hollywood Report (s) (2527276)
2.00 Donahue. The guests are people whose lives have been enhanced by advances in laser surgery (75059)
3.00 Quiz Night. *Pub and club competition (85653)*
3.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (96818)
4.00 Entertainment UK (r) (s) (87943)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (57382)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Brenda Rowe (55363)

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Heathcliff. Cartoon adventures of a cat (1473894) **6.45 Ovide** (9235707)
7.00 The Big Breakfast with Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (79252)
9.00 Saved by the Bell American teenage comedy drama (58610)
9.30 Star Street. Animated adventures based on the signs of the zodiac (r) (6932829) **9.55 Hammerman.** Magic and music cartoon series (r) (6837320) **10.25 Pugwall.** Australian children's drama series (r) (4640900)
10.55 The Adventures of Tintin. Part two of *King Ottakar's Sceptre* (r) (5630287) **11.20 The Henderson Kids.** Australian family drama series (r) (7876368) **11.50 The Magic Fluke.** Cartoon (8089523)
12.00 High 5. Extreme sporting achievements (r) (45146)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early learning series. The guest is the actor Tim Robbins (r) (91504) **1.30 Take 5.** Animated adventures (r) (95639)
2.00 Film: Sanders of the River (1935, b/w) starring Leslie Banks and Paul Robeson. African adventure, based on the novel by Edgar Wallace, about a British commissioner who, with the help of a loyal chief, puts down a tribal uprising. Directed by Zoltan Korda (132542)
3.40 Spacebourne. A short made by Nasa emphasising the wonders of space (r) (2638225)
3.55 The Secret Life of... Tim Hunkin with everything you would want to know about the refrigerator (r) (3824097)
4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley presents another round of the words and numbers game. (Teletext) (s) (184)
5.00 Oprah Gold *A repeat of the programme which* featured 20 men from the wilds of Alaska who were looking for brides. (Teletext) (2604165)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout narrated by Nigel Planer (879349)
6.00 Hypnosis A repeat of Sunday's music and dance show (349)
6.30 A Different World. American campus comedy series (s) (829)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Zeinab Badawi and Shahnaz Pakravan. (Teletext) Weather (770900)
7.50 Comment. Rajnikant Mehta argues that the only way to integrate ethnic minorities into the British way of life is to form an immigrants' political party (392320)
8.00 Moments of Crisis: Laura's Story. (Teletext) See Choice (1233)

Romantic comedy: Mills and Lemmon (8.30pm)

8.30 Film: Avanti! (1972). (Teletext) See Choice (87036894)
11.10 Washington/Peru: We Ain't Winning. An American-made documentary on the reality of the United States-sponsored War On Drugs in Latin America (436287)
12.15am The Craig Ferguson Story. As Scottish *comedian Craig Ferguson prepares for his show at* the Glasgow Pavilion, his past life flashes into focus. With June Whitfield, Peter Cook, Frankie Howerd, Jess Angus and Nan Forsyth (r) (723295). Ends at **1.15**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.25am Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (5290349) **1.05pm-1.15** Anglia News (17590097) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2572368) **6.00** Home And Away (141078) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (486851) **10.30** Anglia News (382287) **10.40** Saltaway (760320) **11.10** 28th Cambridge Folk Festival (647146) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (958894) **12.35am** Superstars Of Wrestling *(8943740)* **1.15** *America's Top 10* (35127) **1.45** Film: Hindle Wakes (788450) **3.25** Stage 2 (8318108) **4.20** Get Stuffed! (39559160) **4.30** Riviera (96209295) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (6141818)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.25am Adventures Of The Galaxy Rangers (5290349) **1.05pm** Central News (17590097) **1.15** A Country Practice (107962) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (106233) **3.20-3.50** Deepwater Haven *(2094349)* **5.10-5.40** *Gardening Time* (2572368) **6.00** Home And Away (141078) **6.25** Central News (159097) **6.55-7.00** Life Line (261691) **10.30** Central News (382287) **10.40** Film: Final Eye (22380900) **12.30am** Hollywood Report (33653) **1.00** The Little Picture Show (75837) **2.00** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (26059) **2.30** America's Top 10 (43586) **3.00** Raw Power (38721) **4.00** Quiz Night (92081) **4.30-5.20** Jobs (9686653)

GRANADA
***As London except: 9.25** Adventures Of The* Galaxy Rangers (5290349) **1.05pm** Granada News (17590097) **1.15** A Country Practice (107962) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (106233) **3.20-3.50** Blockbusters (2094349) **5.10-5.40** The Munsters Today (2572368) **6.00** Home and Away (141078) **6.25** Granada Tonight (236810) **6.50-7.00** Wyatt On Wheels (910465) **10.30** Granada News (382287) **10.40** Families (550981) **11.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H (699639) **12.35am** Superstars Of Wrestling (8943740) **1.15** America's Top 10 (35127) **1.45** Film: Hindle Wakes (788450) **3.25** Stage 2 (8318108) **4.20** Get Stuffed! (39559160) **4.30** Riviera (96209295) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (6141818)

HTV WEST
As London except: 9.25 Adventures Of The Galaxy Rangers (5290349) **1.05pm-1.15** HTV News & Weather (17590097) **1.45-2.15** Blockbusters (106233) **6.00** HTV News (707) **6.30-7.00** The Good Neighbour Show (287) *10.30 HTV News & Weather (382287) 10.40* Let Loose (299523) **10.55** Prisoner: Cell Block H (912287) **11.50** Stuntmasters (844252) **12.35am** Superstars Of Wrestling (8943740) **1.15** America's Top 10 (35127) *1.45 Film:* Hindle Wakes (Leslie Dwyer, Lisa Daniely, Brian Worth) (788450) **3.25** Stage 2 (8318108) **4.20** Get Stuffed! (39559160) **4.30** Riviera (96209295) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (6141818)

HTV WALES
***As HTV WEST except: 1.05pm-1.15** HTV* Wales News & Weather (17590097) **6.00** Wales At Six (707) **6.30-7.00** Special Report (287) **10.30** HTV Wales News & Weather (382287) **10.40** Not Bad For A Junkie (437691) **11.25** Weekend Ahead! (540894) **11.40-12.35pm** Prisoner: Cell Block H

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.25am Adventures Of The Galaxy Rangers (5290349) **1.05pm-1.15** Meridian News & Weather (17590097) **3.20-3.50** All Together Now (2094349) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (707) **6.30-7.00** Grass Roots (287) **10.30** Meridian News & Weather (382287) **10.40** The Pier (716810) **11.20** Prisoner: Cell Block H (693320) **12.15am** In Search Of Steam (39943) **12.45-1.35** Trials Of Rosie O'Neill (2498214)

ULSTER
As London except: 9.25 Adventures Of The Galaxy Rangers (5290349) **1.05pm-1.15** *UTV Live* (17590097) **3.20-3.50** Blockbusters (2094349) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live (73417) **7.58-8.00** UTV Live (319097) **10.30** UTV Live (382287) **10.40** Beyond Belief (760320) **11.10** Go Fishing (647146) **11.40** The Equalizer (958894) **12.35am** Wrestling (8943740) **1.15** America's Top 10 (35127) **1.45** Film: Hindle Wakes (788450) **3.25** Stage 2 (8318108) **4.20** Get Stuffed! (39559160) **4.30-4.55** Riviera (96209295)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 9.25 Adventures Of The Galaxy Rangers (5290349) **1.05pm-1.15** Westcountry Latest (17590097) **1.45-2.15** Blockbusters (106233) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (2094349) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (73417) **10.30** Westcountry Latest (382287) **10.40** Midweek (760320) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (604436) **12.05am** My Story (2321160) **12.15** The Twilight Zone (1723653) **12.35** Wrestling (8943740) **1.15** America's Top 10 (35127) **1.45** Film: Hindle Wakes (788450) **3.25** Stage 2 (8318108) **4.30** Riviera (96209295) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder

S4C
Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (79252) **9.00** Saved by the Bell (5288504) **9.25** Star Street (5207639) **9.50** Hammerman (6854875) **10.15** Pugwall (9223417) **10.40** The Adventures Of Tintin (8495639) **11.05** The Henderson Kids (7864523) **11.30** Sandokan (9097) **12.00pm** High 5 (45146) **12.30** Sesame Street (91504) **1.30** Opening Shot (95639) **2.00** *Film:* Alexander Graham Bell (660813) **3.45** Fox (3068766) **4.00** The Christians (2320) **5.00** Countdown (2349) **5.30** The Cosby Show (436) **6.00** Newyddion (501436) **6.10** Heno (198504) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (5813) **7.30** Gwyl Y Gelli (34287) **8.30** Newyddion (260271) **8.55** Minafon (265078) **9.35** Film: Sweet Lorraine (962358) **11.15** Film: Dinosaurus (916252) **12.45am** Moments Of Crisis (38658)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am Cartoons (4237691) **8.20** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (8249829) **8.50** The DJ Kat Show (15970829) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (18504) **10.00** Card Sharks (5143504) **10.25** Concentration (8541320) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (2866523) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (27813) **12.00** E Street (60946) **12.30pm** Three's Company (12320) **1.00** Falcon Crest (17875) **2.00** Captains and the Kings (85349) **3.00** Another World (7603078) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (5531639) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (7436) **6.00** Games World (1368) **6.30** E Street (5320) **7.00** Rescue (8165) **7.30** Full House (1504) **8.00** Paper Chase: Law school drama series with John Houseman (67894) **9.00** Chances (50558) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (57417) **11.00-12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (15078)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (99691) **8.30** News and Business Report (439726) **9.30** Talkback (10726) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (69504) **11.30** International Business Report (59344) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (83320) **1.30** CBS This Morning (71349) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (68558) **3.30** ABC Nightline (90962) **4.30** News and Business Report (8417) **5.00** Live at Five (884344) **7.30** *Financial Times* Reports (9146) (67558) **9.30** Talkback (99292) **11.30** CBS News (94368) **12.30am** *Financial Times* Reports (22769) **1.30** CBS News (91672) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (90092) **3.30** CBS News (50027) **4.30** *Financial Times* Reports (20672) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (18027)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (2485368)
10.00 The Adventures of Hercules (1985): Lou Ferrigno stars as the strong man (23436)
12.00 Sergeant Ryker (1968): Lee Marvin is court-martialled for treason (82252)
2.00pm Mysterious Island (1961): Adventure based on a Jules Verne story (309252)
3.55 The Wind and the Lion (1974): Candice Bergen is kidnapped in Morocco by Sean Connery (35786078)
6.00 The Adventures of Hercules (as 10am) (51233)
8.00 Mannequin on the Move (1991): A dummy comes to life. With William Ragsdale and Kristy Swanson (63078)
10.00 Robocop 2 (1990): Peter Weller returns as the cyborg law enforcer (47542)
12.00 Lambada (1990): J. Eddie Peck teaches rich kids by day and ghetto students by night (428905)
1.45am Domino (1988): Erotic thriller with Brigitte Nielsen (263818)
3.45 Lock Up (1989): Sadistic warden Donald Sutherland goads model prisoner Sylvester Stallone (243924). Ends at **5.30**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Cattle Queen of Montana (1954). Western with Barbara Stanwyck (59813)
8.00 Tootsie (1982): Dustin Hoffman plays a female soap star (34558)
10.00 The Enforcer (1976). Clint Eastwood stars as Dirty Harry (985184). Ends at 11.35

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am No Sex Please, We're British (1973): Saucy fun with Ronnie Corbett and Beryl Reid (42981)
8.00 The Canterville Ghost. Cartoon (5306146)
8.45 Dot Goes to Hollywood: Live action and animation (6809610)
10.00 The Prisoner (1955): A cardinal behind the Iron Curtain is interrogated about his beliefs. With Alec Guinness (21078)
12.00 Death of a Gunfighter (1969): Sheriff Richard Widmark refuses to quit (80894)
2.00pm Lucy and Desi: Before the Laughter (1990): Biopic of Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz (79639)
4.00 The Canterville Ghost (as 8am) (8869233) **4.45 Dot Goes to Hollywood** (as 8.45am) (8286542)
6.00 Short Time (1990). Policeman Dabney Coleman tries to get killed on duty (59875)
8.00 Class Action (1991): A father and daughter, Gene Hackman and Elizabeth Mastrantonio, are rival lawyers (54320)
10.00 Prey of the Chameleon (1991): James Wilder picks up hitch-hiker Daphne Zuniga (707368)
11.35 The Checkered Flag (1991) Racing drivers fall out over a woman (832813)
1.10am Scenes from a Mall (1990) Bette Midler and Woody Allen reveal their marital infidelities (1574769)
2.40 Targets (1968): Boris Karloff is a sniper's target (2120634)
4.10 Great Scout and Cathouse Thursday (1976): Comedy western starring Lee Marvin and Oliver Reed (970566). Ends at 5.25

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Prime Bodies (15558) **7.00** Watersports (23287) **8.00** Superteams 1982 (28788) **9.00** Prime Bodies (55146) **9.30** Motor World (82788) **10.00** Kickboxing (63639) **11.00** Volleyball (14078) **12.30pm** Australian Rugby League (24894) **2.30** Cycling: Tour Dupont (2829) **3.00** Irish Masters Snooker (14146) **5.00** FIA Rally Argentina (6726) **6.00** WWF Wrestling (94523) **7.00** German Grand Prix (90146) **8.00** Motorsport (86374) **9.00** Canadian Open Tennis (38851) **11.00** Superteams 1984 (64368) **12.00** F1 Power Boat Grand Prix (76653) **1.30am** FIA Rally Argentina (35030) **2.30-3.00** Tour Dupont (26672)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (52523) **8.00** European Golf (46184) **9.00** Cycling: Battle for the Yellow Jersey (38455) **11.00** German Grand Prix (61271) **12.00** Snooker (31542) **2.00pm** ATP Tennis (3321271) **5.30** Olympic Magazine (8813) **6.00** Mountain Bike (5726) **6.30** News (6078) **7.00** Equestrian (53252) **9.00** Boxing (14726) *10.00 ATP Tennis* (70894) **12.00-12.30am** News (38634)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Raccoons (8957287) **7.30** Neighbours (8863894) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (2795097) **8.30** EastEnders (2794368) **9.00** The Bill (2778320) **9.30** The Onedin Line (7108436) **10.30** Juliet Bravo (4419368) **11.30** Rhoda (3926368) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2798184) **12.30pm** Neighbours (9552894) **1.00** EastEnders (8956558) **1.30** The Bill (9551165) **2.00** 'Allo 'Allo! (2850233) **2.30** Three Up, Two Down (5725691) **3.00** Dallas (3920184) **4.00** Dynasty (3909691) **5.00** Blankety Blank (2874813) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (5736707) **6.00** Neighbours (5726320) **6.30** The Onedin Line (6069252) **7.30** 'Allo 'Allo! (5746184) **8.00** EastEnders (2870097) **8.30** Three Up, Two Down (2859504) **9.00** Juliet Bravo (1180977) **10.00** The Bill (2799813) **10.30** Carrott's Lib (2775233) **11.00** Top of the Pops (4577879) **11.45** Dr Who (8669900) **12.15-1.50am** Film: Murder Most Foul (1964) with Margaret Rutherford (1549479)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (43962) **7.00** Ratkan II (16320) **9.00** Summer Holiday Specials (195610) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (56261) **12.00** You Can't Do That on Television (29233) **1.00pm** Summer Holiday Specials (90368) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (5310) **3.00** Babar (2785349) **3.25** Ratkan II (50442233) **5.00** Fifteen (3271) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (1726) **6.00-7.00** Fame (25417)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Maths — Maxima and Minima
6.55 Weather **7.00 On Air,** with Andrew McGregor, including Handel (Concerto Grosso in G, Op 6 No 1: English Concert under Trevor Pinnock); Mozart (Oboe Quartet in F, K370: Nash Ensemble); Sor (Theme and Variations, Op 9: Narciso Yepes, guitar); Stravinsky (Scherzo fantastique, Op 3: Philharmonia under Eliahu Inbal)
9.00 Composers of the Week: Vaughan Williams and Holst. Alain Frogley presents Vaughan Williams (Merciless Beauty: Ian Partridge, tenor; Members of the Endellion Quartet); Holst (Choral Symphony — third movement: Felicity Palmer, soprano, London Philharmonic Choir and Orchestra under Adrian Boult; Terzetto: Richard Adeney, flute, Peter Graeme, oboe, Cecil Aronowitz, viola); *Vaughan Williams (Flos Campi:* Christopher Balmer, viola; Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Choir and Orchestra under Vernon Handley)
10.10 BBC Philharmonic under Yan Pascal Tortelier performs Beethoven (Overture, Egmont); Mendelssohn (Violin Concerto in E minor: Isabelle van Keulen); Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 5 in E minor)
11.40 Prom Artist of the Week: The soprano Karita Mattila sings Aulis Sallinen (Four Dream Songs: Lahti SO under Ulf Soderblom)
12.00 Hausmusik performs Schubert (Octet in F, D803) (r)
1.00pm News
***1.05 Haydn's Operas:** Lausanne* Chamber Orchestra under Antal Dorati performs *L'Isola Disabitata (The Deserted Island)*, to a libretto by Metastasio. Sung in Italian With Luigi Alva as Gernando and Norma Lerer as Costanza
2.50 Violations? Paul Silverthorne, viola; John Constable, piano, perform Bartók, arr Silverthorne (Rhapsody No 1); Delius, arr Tertis (Sonata No 3); Stravinsky, arr Silverthorne (Suite italienne)
3.50 Debut: Graham Scott, piano, plays Berg (Piano Sonata, Op 1); Rachmaninov (Variations on a Theme of Corelli, Op 42)
5.00 In Tune, with Natalie Wheen
7.30 BBC Proms: BBC Concert Orchestra under Vernon Handley performs Elgar (The Wand of Youth, Suite No 1); Delius (Cello Concerto: Alexander Baillie). **8.20 Wenlock Edge:** See Choice. **8.40** Vaughan Williams (On Wenlock Edge — orchestral version: Robert Tear, tenor); Bliss (A Colour Symphony)
9.50 Young Americans: Still the West. Timothy O'Grady meets the novelist Walter Kirn from Montana in the last leg of his literary journey across the United States (r)
10.15 Hawk Stalks: Ron Geesin presents the fifth of six programmes on the work of the saxophonist Coleman Hawkins (r)
10.45 A Long Way from Home: Ferdinand Dennis chronicles the odyssey of the Jamaican-born poet and novelist Claude McKay, author of *Home to Harlem*. Reader Hugh Quarshie
11.30 An Air That Kills: Christopher Palmer presents a portrait of the composer C.W. Orr on the centenary of his birth. With contributions from Graham Johnson and Eric Sams
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Perfume from Provence, by Lady Fortescue. Read by Stephanie Cole (1/7) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 The Moral Maze, chaired by Michael Buerk
9.45 Hearing Voices, Seeing Things: Ian McMillan sees reflections from his past
10.00-10.30 No Commitments (FM only): See Choice
10.00 News; An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Judges. Read by Ian Hogg (2/7) (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Emma Kingsley investigates the work of the 12th-century composer and mystic, Abbess Hildegard of Bingen. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 You and Yours
12.25pm Slightly Foxed: Gill Pyrah hosts the literary quiz. With Roger McGough, Brain Patten, Adrian Henri and Gladys Mary Coles **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; The Life Class, by Harry Quinn and Colin Douglas. Heather and Fraser are both out-patients at their local hospital. He is bound for Oxford, while she is a budding actor. As their treatment progresses over the next year, Heather teaches Fraser how to face reality, and his learning becomes their joint triumph over tragedy. With Tom Smith and Wendy Seager
3.00-4.00 Against the Grain (FM only): "A month in the country is a month in hell." Anne Marie Hourihane invites listeners to call 071-580 4444
3.00 Prime Minister's Questions (LW only) **4.00 News**
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews the English National Ballet's production of *Swan Lake* at the Festival Hall; visits an exhibition of photographs by the explorer Wilfred Thesiger in Oxford; talks to the mountaineer Joe Simpson about his book, *This Game of Ghosts*; and reviews *Under the Stars* at Greenwich Theatre
4.45 Short Story: Good Night, Julius, by Gwyn Thomas. Read by Laurence Allan
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World: The Human Body
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 On the Road Again: Simon Dring retraces the hippy route of the sixties, reaching his journey's end in India
8.00 Ages Past: In the first of six programmes on three centuries of English family life, told through diaries and letters, Colin McLaren focuses on the perils of childbirth. Narration by Lesley Dunlop
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? For listeners with disabilities
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Cost of Living Like This, by James Kennaway. Read by Ian McDiarmid (4/10)
11.00 Tales from the Arabian Nights: The Ninth Pedestal
11.30 The Year in Question
12.00 News and Phone-in By-Election Special: 071-580 4444. James Naughtie introduces coverage of the Christchurch by-election result

Wenlock Edge. *Radio 3, 8.20pm.*

Filling the interval that precedes tonight's Prom performance of Vaughan Williams's *On Wenlock Edge* is this feature which fuses the contributions of a musician (Michael Berkeley), a writer (Richard Graves) and a geologist (Peter Toghill). It is a pity the audience at the Albert Hall will miss such a splendid mood-setter for the song cycle. The geologist sets the physical scene – the natural beauty of Shropshire. The writer recalls how Housman transmuted it into *A Shropshire Lad*. The musician's brief is Vaughan Williams's memorialising of "those blue remembered hills".

No Commitments. *Radio 4, 10.00am (FM only).*

Simon Brett's comedy series about three sisters is back, with only one change of casting. Rosemary Leach and Nicola Pagett are still with us, but Josie Lawrence has taken over as the actress. The mixture, praise be, is as before. There is fun with family relationships, sex and ambition, but there are intimations of mortality, too – the skeleton beneath the pretty skin. Characteristically, a funeral is the backdrop for today's opening episode.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1
FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **11.00** 1 FM Summer Roadshow with Jakki Brambles from Margate **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Lynn Parsons **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Mark Goodier's Evening Session **8.30** Antique Records Roadshow **9.00** The Guest List **10.00** Emma Freud **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2
FM Stereo **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy: The Early Show **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Barbara Sturgeon **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jimmy's Cricket Team **7.30** Wally Whyton **9.00** Paul Jones **10.00** Cajun Routes with Chris Hall **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00-5.00am** Alex Lester

RADIO 5
6.00am World Service **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** Take Five **9.55** Cinnkies, by Chris Barlas (final part) **10.25** Wiggly Park *10.30 Johnnie Walker 12.30pm Sporting Albums: cricketer Chris Lewis 1.10 BFBS Worldwide* **2.30** Sportsbeat, including racing from Goodwood. **2.30** The Lanson Champagne Vintage Stakes; **3.10** Tiffany Goodwood Cup; **3.45** Schweppes Golden Mile; **4.15** King George Mile **4.30** Five Aside **7.15** Stories from Black History: Louis (2/3) (r) **7.30** Formula Five **8.00** Vibe! **9.30** Empire Night (r) **10.10** Eastern Beat **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE
All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin: Tips für Touristen **5.30** Off the Shelf: A Woman of the Pharisees **5.45** From Our Own Correspondent **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Sport **8.00** News **8.30** Network UK **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Good Books **9.30** John Peel **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** From Our Own Correspondent **10.30** The Farming World **10.45** Sport **11.00** Assignment **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.58** Business Update **Noon** News **12.30pm** Sherlock Holmes **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 2 **1.45** Sport **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: A Woman of the Pharisees **3.45** Recording of the Week **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **6.00** News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Meridian **10.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Network UK **11.45** Sport **Midnight** News **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** Music Review **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** In Good Voice **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** On the Move **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** News **3.30** Sherlock Holmes **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sport

CLASSIC FM
6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Castelnuovo-Tedesco (Guitar No 1 in D John Williams) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** The Travel Guide **8.00** Evening Concert: Performing Arts Orchestra under Nicholas Smith plays music by Pachelbel, Vivaldi and Bach **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215
6.00am Russ and Jono's Rock 'n' Roll Breakfast **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyne

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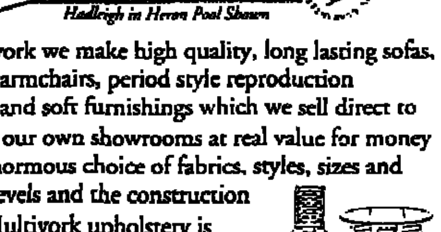

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New England captain vows to be his own man as he answers call

Atherton rises out of Ashes disaster

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

WITHIN minutes of being confirmed as the new England cricket captain yesterday, Michael Atherton offered an insight to the personality he will bring to one of the most unforgiving jobs in sport. "Things have changed very quickly for me, so I have learned never to take success for granted and never to be overwhelmed by failure," he said.

Such inner strength will serve him well, for he is not taking over at a propitious moment. England are 3-0 down in an Ashes series with two games remaining and a West Indies tour looming. The circumstances were the same four years ago when Atherton made his Test debut and was out second ball. "It worried other people more than me," he said.

In 1989, though, Atherton found himself omitted from the Caribbean tour party. The parallel event, being stripped of the captaincy after completing the Ashes series, is not remotely likely now, according to Ted Dexter, chairman of the England committee. "We expect to confirm his appointment for the tour in September," Dexter said as he disclosed the committee's majority verdict at a midday news conference in London, Atherton having been telephoned on Tuesday evening following a debate lasting two-and-a-half hours. Six candidates were considered, the others being Alec Stewart, Mike Gatting, Kim Barnett, Hugh Morris and Martyn Moxon. "Our agreed criteria included the need for mental toughness," Dexter said. "All six might have brought that to the job but where Michael scored was in the area of tactical awareness and a fresh approach."

And so, with one bound, England have shifted generations. On the face of it, Atherton, aged 25 and Cambridge-educated, is a complete departure from the era of Graham Gooch, 15 years older and a proud son of Leytonstone. But maybe not. There is nobody in the game Atherton admires more than Gooch. Recently, they have spent a lot of time together and it is certain that Gooch will keep his place.

The new regime will not be tearing up the Gooch captaincy manual, either. "It was an honour to play for Graham," Atherton said. "He is a good bloke and I felt very sorry for him at Headingley. We will be a hard-working team, as his was. A lot of nonsense has been spoken about the work ethic and training schedules."

Atherton, however, will be less rigid than Gooch in his demands, more accommodating to individuals. His ethos might be that there is a time and a place for physical training and it is not necessarily twice a day in some of the game's steamier climates. He may also decide that David Gower still has a role to play, though yesterday he was careful to stress that his will be only one of four voices on the selection panel this weekend.

"I am going to be my own man," he said. "I have my own ideas and I hope most of all to be able to get players to produce their best for England, because that is what has been lacking recently. If we can get to the stage where everyone plays to their potential, we can start thinking of winning games again."

The first Lancastrian to captain England for 42 years, Atherton is a Mancunian by birth and loyalty, schooled at Manchester Grammar and still a fervent supporter of the premier league champions.

"There has been no time to talk to anyone," Atherton, who was flown down to London having cut short a holiday in the Lake District, said. "My girlfriend, Susie, was a bit peeved to be missing two days in Ullswater."

Atherton's cherubic features, precise movements and considered speech have sometimes had him categorised as lacking drive and personality. Some know better.

Neil Fairbrother, his captain and close friend at Lancashire, said: "He is very positive, even if you would not always know it from his batting." It is unusual, though far from unique, that an England captain should not lead his county; it is also misleading to suggest Atherton lacks experience. He has captained sides through every level of schools cricket, through Young England and so to Cambridge where, on his first-class debut, the university were 20 for seven against an Essex team including Gooch. Atherton scored an undefeated 73.

Sociable, communicative but extremely determined, Atherton will bring a refreshing approach to the job. He will also bring a different, more relaxed character. He said he "slept like a baby" after being told the news. If he can go on avoiding sleepless nights, he might do this job for years.

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THE NEW MAN

1968 Born Manchester (March 23)
1987 first batsman since 1976 to score 1,000 first-class runs in debut season
1988 began two-year spell as Cambridge University captain
1989 led Combined Universities to quarter-finals of Benson and Hedges Cup, made Test debut v Australia, Trent Bridge
1989-90 vice-captain of England A to Zimbabwe
1990 hit first and highest Test century, 151 v New Zealand, Trent Bridge
1992 highest score of career, 199 Lancashire v Durham, Gateshead; Lancashire vice-captain
1993 appointed England captain

JOHN MANNING

Younger generation: Atherton looks forward to the task of lifting his country's fortunes at home and away

Dexter's gaffe upsets Stewart Sr

TED Dexter admitted one division in the England committee and immediately created another yesterday when he unwisely chose to reveal that Micky Stewart had advocated his son, Alec, for the captaincy ahead of Michael Atherton (Alan Lee writes).

Asked if the appointment was a unanimous choice by the five-man committee, Dexter smiled and said: "Except for dad, of course. Dad had plenty to say but he was loyal to the boy." At best, this was a tactless off-the-cuff remark by Dexter, at worst a betrayal of confidence for premeditated reasons of his own.

Dexter later issued a public apology, saying he was "very sorry" if a warm-hearted remark he made might have been misconstrued. "I thought everyone would appreciate that, when I said that Micky Stewart had been a loyal dad and spoken up for his son Alec, it was an affectionate remark — because that was how it was intended. Micky did in fact put his son's case — all six candidates were discussed in detail. But at the end of our discussion Micky was totally in favour of Michael Atherton's selection."

Stewart: put son's case

Micky Stewart, the England team manager until last September and now the national development officer for the Test and County Cricket Board, said: "I can assure you that a father-son relationship has never been involved, either when I was manager or now as a member of the committee. I am only sorry at the way Ted has phrased these words, because all that is important is to do what is best for England."

On what was an unhappy day for the Stewart family, Alec conducted himself with dignity, telephoning Atherton early yesterday to congratulate him.

He also gave a press conference at Taunton to explain why he was not overly disappointed. "You don't expect anything in this game. I had not built my hopes up and am very pleased for Mike Atherton.

"Keith Fletcher rang me on Tuesday night to tell me that I had been passed over. It was good of him because he did not have to say anything. My main aim now is to stay in the England side," he said.

Having kept Atherton out of the side for much of the winter tour in India, when he was vice-captain to Graham Gooch, it will be small consolation to Stewart that he has been confirmed as replacement captain for the rest of the Ashes series.

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Athletes fall into debt to pay costs

BY JOHN GOODBODY

IN THE same week as Linford Christie will earn £100,000 for racing against Carl Lewis, a report was published yesterday stating that 45 per cent of Britain's Olympic competitors in Barcelona were in debt to an average of £5,000 because of preparing for the Games.

The disparity between the élite of athletics and many Olympic sportsmen and women is shown by the survey of 200 competitors at Barcelona and Albertville.

The report compiled by the Competitors Council of the British Olympic Association (BOA), including the Olympic champions, Martin Cross (rowing), Adrian Moorhouse (swimming) and Bryn Vaile (yachting), Dominic Mahony, the modern pentathlon bronze medal-winner and Gill Clark, the international badminton player, urges the government to make £10 million a year available for prospective Olympic competitors in the build-up to 1996. Otherwise, Cross warned: "The number of medals would probably go down, the public will become more frustrated, the media will say the performance is a disaster, the competitors will become disillusioned and young people will even question whether to go into sport."

The questionnaire which was drawn up by Saatchi & Saatchi brought the following responses:

☐Only 38 per cent had ever earned any prize money or sponsorship. The majority had earned less than £1,000 from these sources.

☐Nineteen per cent were unemployed.

☐Forty two per cent of those in employment earn less than £10,000 a year and 59 per cent less than £15,000 per year.

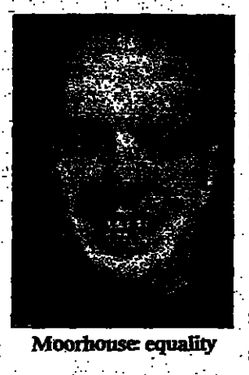
☐Eighty four per cent said their sporting potential was limited by the need to maintain employment.

The report contrasts the situation in other leading European countries. In Germany, every Olympic athlete receives a government grant of £500 each month and, whereas the Sports Aid Foundation has an annual budget of about £1.4m thanks to its fund-raising efforts, the French equivalent dilstributes £23m to the country's leading competitors.

The athletes also want money to be paid directly by the government to the BOA for distribution. Mahony said: "It should not come via the Sports Council [the government-funded quango], too much money is being spent by the Sports Council on administration."

The government is examining the future structure of British sport including suggestions of it having executive powers, something advocated by many competitors and also by Dick Palmer, the secretary of the BOA.

The competitors emphasised that they did not begrudge Christie his money for sprinting against Lewis.



Moorhouse: equality

However, Moorhouse said: "We should attempt to make things a little more equal, otherwise we will end up without having any more sprinters like Christie." The first draft of the report had already been read by the BOA and there were "sharp intakes of breath," according to the chairman, Craig Reedie, by some of the national governing bodies.

These include money for winning medals at the Games. Several countries now have adopted this including the United States. In Barcelona, Americans taking gold medals received £10,300, silver was worth £6,850 and bronze £5,200 although some athletes, including the "dream team" basketball squad, waived their rights with the money going to sports charities.

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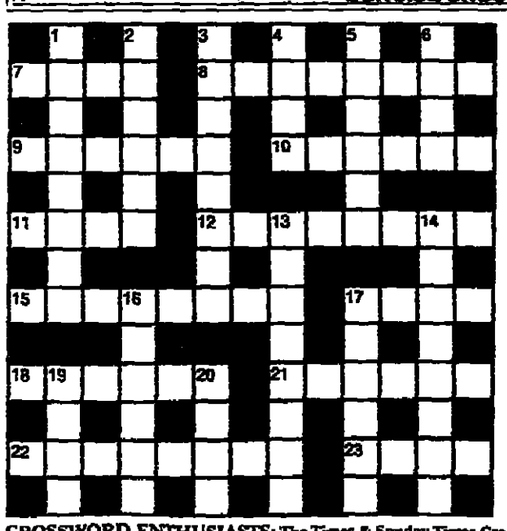

ACROSS
7 Smack (4)
8 Up for reproval (2,3,3)
9 Sets game (6)
10 Two-banked galley (6)
11 Libya neighbour (4)
12 Greater part (8)
15 Colours range (6)
17 Alluring (4)
18 Swap (6)
21 Stout laced shoe (6)
22 Lover's song (8)
23 Fork prong (4)

DOWN
1 Reliable stock (4,4)
2 Unfastened (6)
3 User (8)
4 Counterfoil (4)
5 Carrier (6)
6 Date tree (4)
13 Scout gathering (8)
14 Cab line (4,4)
16 Knife maker (6)
17 Security (6)
19 At what moment (4)
20 Chief (4)

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ACROSS: 1 Perch 4 However 8 Reception 9 Tom 10 Nod 11 Yiddisher 12 Copra 13 Gaudy 16 Architect 18 God 20 Kit 21 Itinerant 22 Reposed 23 Knead

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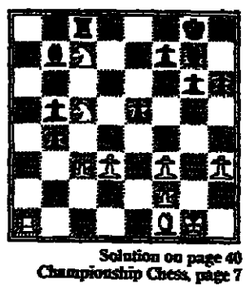

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By Philip Howard

DENTIL
a. A vestigial tooth
b. A cornice block
c. A scalloped hem

EGEDE
a. Foolish
b. A medieval expletive
c. Tilth ready for sowing

PROSATEUR
a. A Roman magistrate
b. A prose-writer
c. A Swiss advocate

REMONTOIR
a. An Alpine gulley
b. A reserve horse
c. A pendulum device

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